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MARRIAGES

LEVACO — PATUSHINSKY.—On March 10, 1940, at the Ohel Rachel Synagogue, BENJAMIN MICHAEL LEVACO, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Levaco, to VERA, younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Patushinsky, both of Shanghai. (Tientsin and Hongkong papers please copy.) 11330

ROBERTS — BRANKSTON.—The marriage arranged between WILLIAM HENRY ROBERTS, son of Mr. (Harry) and Mrs. R. H. Roberts, formerly of Newcastle-on-Tyne, and WINIFRED ISOBEL, daughter of Mr. A. W. and the late Mrs. Branksto, of The Mill House, Twyford, Berks., formerly of Newcastle and Shanghai, will take place at Basra, in March.

DEATHS

BLUM.—On March 10, 1940, at the General Hospital, Shanghai, EDITH (Dita) TENGER, dearly beloved wife of Mr. E. Blum. The funeral service will be held on Tuesday, March 12, at 12.30 p.m. at the Jewish Cemetery, Baikal Road. It is requested that donations to Jewish Charitable Organizations be sent in lieu of flowers. (Hongkong papers please copy.) -4186

ROSARIO.—On Monday, March 11, 1940, in Shanghai, GRICORIO MARIA DA SILVA DO ROSARIO, aged 59 years, the dearly beloved father of Mrs. V. Gunther, Mrs. C. Butler, Dimas, Guiomar (Jimmy) and Angelo do Rosario. Removed to the parlours of the International Funeral Directors, 207 Kiaochow Road. Requiem Mass will be held at St. Joseph's Church, Rue Montauban, at 7.30 a.m. tomorrow, Wednesday, March 13, to be followed by interment at the Bubbling Well Cemetery at 4 p.m., (Hongkong and Macao papers please copy.) 11343

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MARCH

12 B.W.A. Jumble Sale, 9.30 a.m.
12 A.W.C. Cake-making, 3.30
12 For. Y. Lecture: 'Radio in China' by Mr. C. D. Alcott
12 Death of Sun Yat-sen (1925)
12 Customs Holiday
12 Russian revolution began (1917)
12 NCDN broadcast 12.45 and 9 p.m. XMHD 760kc. 395m.

Coming Events

MARCH

14 Rotary Club, Metropole Hotel, 12.15
14 Royal Asiatic Society Lecture
14 B.W.A. Annual General Meeting, 5.15
14 For. Y. Debate; 'Shanghai Girl and "Oomph"'
15 Cradle Bridge/Mahjongg, S.I.B.C., 3
15 Shakespeare Society, For Y. 9
16 Dinner Dance, Floorshow, C.S.F., 8.30
16 'Gipsy Love,' Light Opera by Franz Lehar, Lyceum, 8.45
17 Municipal Orchestra Concert, Lyc., 5.15
17 'Gipsy Love,' by Lehar, Lyc., 8.45
18 A.A.U.W. Current Events Section Mtg.
18 Engineering Society Meeting, 5.45
19 A.W.C. Book review, 4.30
19 Tuesday Evening Club, 7.30
19 For. Y. Lecture: Prof. J. A. Ely, 'Factors in Engineering Progress'
20 B.W.A. Easter Toy Sale, 9 a.m.
20 Finger Prints by G. F. Mant, Esq. at 114 Peking Rd. 5.30 p.m.
21 Rotary Club, Metropole Hotel, 12.15
23 'Nick-Nax, 1940,' Lyceum, 3
23 B.W.A. Easter Party, 4
25 'Nick-Nax, 1940,' Lyceum, 3
26 A.W.C Bridge and mahjongg, 3
26 Cathedral School for Boys Gymkhana. Ascot Riding School, 2.30
26 'Nick-Nax, 1940,' Lyceum, 5.30
26 Shanghai Club, Annual Meeting, 5.30
27 M.C.L. Bridge and mahjongg, Charter House, 158 Edinburgh Road, 3.
27 China Bible House, ann. mtg., 5
27 Gala performance 'Music & Laughter' by the International Committee for Polish War Victims, Lyceum, 9
28 Rotary Club, Metropole Hotel, 12.15
28 B.W.A. Bridge and mahjongg tea, 3
28 R.A.S. Lecture and Exhibition
28 K.D.S. annual meeting at headquarters. Tea 4.30, business 5.30
29 A.W.C. Three one-act plays, 9
29 Masonic Charity Ball, 9.30
30 Bateman-King Recital, Lyceum, 3
31 Bateman-King Recital, Lyceum, 2.15

APRIL

4 Ballet Russe: 'Pavillon d'Armide,' by Tcherepnin and 'Scheherazade', by Rimsky-Korsakow, Lyceum, 9
6 Ballet Russe: 'Pavillon d'Armide and 'Scheherazade,' Lyceum, 9
7 Ballet Russe: 'Pavillon d'Armide' and 'Scheherazade,' Lyceum, 2.15 and 9
10 A.D.C. 'Night Must Fall,' Lyc., 9.15
11 A.D.C. 'Night Must Fall,' Lyc., 9.15
12 A.D.C. 'Night Must Fall,' Lyc., 9.15
13 A.D.C. 'Night Must Fall,' Lyc., 9.15

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NOTICE

RECREATION GROUND
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SUMMER SEASON 1940. Clubs desirous of securing playing space on the Recreation Ground are required to make application on or before April 19, 1940. All applications must be submitted on the approved APPLICATION FORM obtainable at the Golf Pavilion on the Ground.

APPLICATION FORMS, when complete, are to be forwarded to Mr. L. J. HUGHES, Secretary, Recreation Ground Committee of Management, c/o Public Works Department, Administration Building, S.M.C. Applications will receive the attention of this Committee and playing spaces will be allocated as soon as possible after the date noted above.

REPAIR PERIOD—from March 18 to the commencement of the Summer Season. During this period WHOLE DAY GOLF will be available with certain exceptions—these, as directed by this Committee, will be posted at the Golf Pavilion.

By Order of the
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L. J. HUGHES,
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Shanghai, March 9, 1940. 11300

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	15.31	19.60
	11.75	25.53
6.45 p.m. to 9.45 p.m.	**15.14**	**19.82**
10.00 p.m. to 12.30 p.m.	**11.75**	**25.53**

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A MAP OF SHANGHAI

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West to East: The Aerodrome to Pootung.

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WEATHER, TIME AND TIDE

Meteorological Reports	Mar. 10 16.00	Mar. 10 21.00	Mar. 11 4.00	Mar. 11 9.00
Barometer inches	29.94	30.03	30.02	30.08
at 32 F. (variation for 24 hrs.)	—0.02	—0.14	—0.05	0.00
at 32 F. (,, ,, 12 hrs.)	—0.13	—0.05	+0.08	+0.05
Wind (direction)	SE	SE	WNW	NNW
,, (miles per hour)	7.4	0.6	9.9	3.1
Temperature (Fahr.)	48.°6	47.°1	44.°2	50.°4
Humidity %	75	87	94	58
Nebulosity (0 to 10)	10	10	9	1
Rainfall inches	0.00	—	—	—

Siccawei Abridged Report March 10	Mean 1940	24 hrs. variation	67 years average
Barometer (mean 4 obs.)	30.03	—0.11	30.18
Temp. Min. 38.°3 Max. 51.°3	44.°8	—4.°2	44.°6
Total rainfall January 1 to midnight before last (inches)	7.63	—	5.40

Time and Tide	12/3	13/3	14/3	15/3	16/3	17/3	18/3
Sun rises at Shanghai	6.07	6.06	6.05	6.04	6.02	6 01	5.00
Sun sets at Shanghai	18.00	18.00	18.01	18.02	18.02	18.03	18.03
Moon rises at Shanghai	7.39	8.15	8.54	9.36	10.24	11.15	12.11
Moon sets at Shanghai	20.49	21.42	22.36	23.30	—	0.24	1.17
Flood makes Shai. 6 to 18	12.06	12.32	12.54	13.25	14.06	15.10	17.00
Ebb. makes Shai. 6 to 18	17.49	5.57	6.30	7.10	7.54	8.50	10.07
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TUESDAY, March 12.	Reg.	Ord.
Ninghsien etc. via Chinhai	9.15	9.45
Hongkong and Canton	9.30	10.00
Amoy and Swatow	9.30	10.00
Tinghai and Shenkiamen via Tinghai	9.30	10.00
Foochow via Sankiangkow	18.30	19.00
Kiangpei offices south and east of Jukao	18.30	19.00
WEDNESDAY, March 13.		
Japan Korea via Nagasaki	*19.00	7.15
Formosa via Keelung	*19.00	7.30
Hongkong and Haiphong x	14.30	15.00
Indo-China (Z) via H'phong A	—	—
Kiangpei offices south and east of Jukao	18.30	19.00
THURSDAY, March 14.		
Aust. N.Z. and Java Ports BX	8.15	9.00
Amoy Hongkong Canton .. x	8.30	9.00
Ninghsien etc. via Chinhai	10.30	11.00
Hongkong and Haiphong ..	10.30	11.00
Amoy and Hongkong	10.30	11.00
Nantung	14.30	15.00
Kiangpei offices south and east of Jukao	18.30	19.00

* The night before.
A Parcel mail for Indo-China, closes at 16.00 on 12th.
B Parcel mail for Netherlands India, closes at 16.00 on 13th.
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Air Mails

Imperial Airways Service per steamer on March 15, at 8.15 a.m. for registered and at 9 a.m. for ordinary due London on March 27.
Pan American Airways Service per steamer on March 15, at 8.15 a.m. for registered and at 9 a.m. for ordinary due San Francisco on March 26.
Air France per steamer on March 15, at 8.15 a.m. for registered and at 9 a.m. for ordinary.
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Seddon A E	25	Crickmer H A	10
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Smith W D	20	Dearn J W	20
Souter W D	15	G F D	15
Sowerby A de C	50	Day J	10
A E T	50	Connelly H	10
Boney	25	Hall B F	100
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Loebelle	10	Harvey A H	15
E E W	25	Cowe G M	10
Rosswein	20	Harman A	100
Ariba	25	Howe W G T	5
Weatherhead R J	15	King C E	20
Welch F G	20	Marsh J W P	50
White A V	100	Malmar	25
White & Co	500	McLay F S	25
W W & Co	500	Macdonald J S	20
Wilkinson A B	25	H G K	50
Shadow	5	T A L	25
O C	25	Jenssen G W	10
W W G H	20	M and P Drs	100
Stewamabs	5	Kimber C S	10
J F E M	10	Jackson F sr	10
A P C L	200	J D and P Drs	100
N B S A P C	70	Hutcheon R R	25
Henry J	10	Robertson J	20
Whitmore G R	5	Pemberton I C M	20
Thistlewaite J V	20	Miller H H	10
Morris G H A	5	Morcher J W	20
S'hai Club	1,514	Pettitt A V	50
Country Club	1,127		
Hargreaves W	5		
Hillman S E G	25		
	$562,210		

THE WEATHER

Temperature near Holy Trinity Cathedral Shanghai 24 hours ending 7 p.m.:—
Yesterday Min. 44.0 Max. 60.0
Same date, 1939 Min. 44.5 Max. 55.6
Rainfall nil

Temperature at Siccawei:—
Yesterday Min. 42.6 Max. 63.1
Same date, 1939 Min. 45.5 Max. 54.9

State on the morning of the 10th:—Pressure rather low and unsteady over China and Japan. North-westerly to north-easterly winds along the Coast. Cloudy weather in China.

State on the morning of the 11th:—Cloudy and rather fine weather. North-westerly breezes. Low and steady pressure.

Probabilities, 4.30 p.m. yesterday:—Cloudy, rather fine and mild weather with variable winds around Shantung and in our regions. Cloudy to overcast with local mist and moderate unsteady winds over the Eastern Sea.—Siccawei Observatory.

Post Office Notices Continued

Light Train Mail

Via N.S.R. 8.45 a.m. and 10.30 p.m.
Kiangpei offices north and west of Jukao 8.45 a.m. and 10.30 p.m.
Hangchow 11.30 a.m. and 10.30 p.m.
North Pinghan and Lunghai Line (Chenghsien and east thereof) 8.45 a.m. and 10.30 p.m.
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Remarks. For Europe via Siberia:—Mails for Europe via Siberia close on every Monday and Thursday at 8 p.m. for registered and on every Tuesday and Friday at 8 a.m. for ordinary and are despatched per trains via Nanking and Tientsin to connect with the Trans-Siberian trains.

Ocean Mails for Europe and America.

Next steamer mails will be closed as follows:—
Per steamer via Pacific, Mar. 15, due London April 21.
Per steamer via Pacific, Mar. 16, due London April 21.
Per steamer via Suez, on Mar. 24, due London April 26.

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L. M. Pharis 10
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Substation Attendants 10
Relay Section 4
Trouble Section 5
Office 4

Relief Work and Childrens' Clinic, Kuling.
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W. Hunter 17
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H. J. Li 2
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Correspondence for this column should be addressed to the Editor, North-China Daily News Office, 17 The Bund, Shanghai, and to ensure secrecy, marked "Letters to the Editor."

Bahai Revelation: Miss Atwater Vindicated

To the Editor of the
"North-China Daily News"

Sir,—Under the above heading a letter by Miss Margaret H. Atwater, of Miami, Florida, and a reply under the nom-de-plume Add water and stir well, were published in the correspondence column of your most respected paper of March 6 and 9, which I am sure were very interesting and amusing, respectively.

As Miss Atwater is thousands of miles away, she cannot reply immediately to her adversary, may I, therefore, be permitted to suggest to your correspondent Add water and stir well that he study his Scripture well before challenging anyone, least of all, a lady who is offering mankind what she considers best and advantageous to this topsyturvy world of ours.

Thoughts and ideas have definite magnetic effects upon our fellow men, regardless of whether they are constructive or otherwise. Though in most cases such effects are infinitely small, then why not give Miss Atwater or any other Bahai lecturer and teacher the opportunity to do their best and offer to the public what they consider useful and constructive, without losing our tempers and unnecessarily challenging them, lest we stir our shaky ark into a whirlpool.

To take Miss Atwater's adversary at his word, I beg the liberty of referring him to the following scriptural texts:

From the Gospel of St. John, Chapter I, verses 1 and 2:
In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.
Idem, Chapter 1, verse 14:
And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us (and we beheld His Glory, the Glory as of the only-begotten from the Father) full of grace and truth.
From the Revelation of St. John the Divine, Chapter XIX, Verse 13:
And he is arrayed in a garment sprinkled with blood and his name is called The Word of God.

From the foregoing it would seem that Miss Atwater has gained another convert, and I hereby extend to her my congratulations and best wishes for further success in her service of peace and harmony among mankind.

H. Touty.

Shanghai, Mar. 11.

Zose Hills: Advice to Travellers

To the Editor of the
"North-China Daily News"

Sir,—In reply to your correspondent J. C. de B. anent feasibility of trip to Zose Hills, I would advise as follows:

A trip by motor car would be the easiest way of getting there but the car must have a decent motor and good springs because certain sections of the road were in bad condition last year and I doubt whether any attempt has been made to smoothen out the bumps. The main difficulty about a motor trip would be, I presume, the obtaining of permission from the Japanese Military.

A trip by bicycle would be the next best thing if permission is not granted by the Japanese Military, as one could cut across country when approaching sentry posts. However, it would be well to bear in mind that the venture might be frowned upon.

Foot-slogging would undoubtedly be the best method of getting to Zose if one were bent upon going there because then one could cut right across country and by avoiding the main road or bridgeheads get through to Zose quite easily. To any person contemplating foot-slogging to Zose I would suggest that the company of one familiar with the topography of the district be asked along as the numerous creeks lacing the district can easily tie one up in knots if a wrong crossing is made.

Finally and most important of all, do not wear khaki or any colour approximating khaki; carry positive identification and if any person dressed in a so-called coolie blue uniform tells you to halt, do so. You'd be surprised how fast a body of armed men can materialize from nowhere. The blue boys are pretty well disciplined but there are bad eggs in the district. Farmers close their homes tighter than a drum after sundown.

Hiker.

Shanghai, Mar. 11.

Journey Deemed Unwise

To the Editor of the
"North-China Daily News"

Sir,—In response to J. C. de B's letter, it may interest him to know that I was in the Hills country in January of this year. I travelled by bicycle.

Since I was stopped by an armed band of guerillas, and only allowed to proceed after some discussion in Chinese, I would think it unwise to consider that the trip is feasible for anyone yet.

H.

Shanghai, Mar. 10.

Claudette Colbert: These Excited Gamblers

To the Editor of the
"North-China Daily News"

Sir,—Could you or one of your readers kindly let me have some particulars about Claudette Colbert the French film actress now in Hollywood, as regards her colour of hair, height, etc.

A Bet.

Shanghai, Mar. 9.

***Claudette Colbert, born in Paris, September 13, 1905, has brown hair and large brown eyes. She is 5-ft. 4-in. tall.—Ed.

BY SAPAJOU

Who Said "Irreconcilable"?

Earth is Full of His Glory

Sermon Preached in Holy Trinity Cathedral By Dean Trivett at Evensong

Text:—"When I awake, I am still with thee." Psalm 139, 18.

THE background of our text would seem to lie in some wonderful dream the Psalmist had experienced in which God had appeared to him. We all have dreams, strange mixtures often of the possible and the impossible. There is a wonderland into which we are all at times permitted to enter, where, wonderfully fashioned out of memories and ideals and hopes and ambitions, we see our castles of desire. Here too we meet again our loved ones gone before, or far distant from us, and here we are all that we would, but can never be. And some of us have day dreams of a time when the kingdoms of the world shall become the Kingdom of the Lord Christ, of a world in which men shall live at peace with one another and human brotherhood be more than a preacher's theme, of a world in which God shall be worshipped and glorified and where everyone shall be conscious of his presence..

But more wonderful than any such dreams of ours are the promises of the Bible. Promises of possibilities here and now that will surpass our best dreams, more than fulfill our desires and that will abundantly satisfy those longings that are in the heart of every man and woman. Promises of strength, of comfort, of pardon, of peace and a host of other blessings. Promises that shall be fulfilled as men grasp the reality of God's presence with them. Who, with the eye of faith, see like Isaiah in the temple, "The Lord sitting upon a throne high and lifted up, and his train filled the temple and they about the throne cried one to another, Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord of Hosts, the whole earth is full of his glory." Or who dream like St. John of the coming day when we can say with conviction, "The tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them and be their God. And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain."

But a Dream

It was some such dream as this which had been granted to the Psalmist. He had seemed to enter into the very presence, he had entered into the courts of the great King and stood very close to the throne and the vividness of the dream has engendered this conviction which he expresses upon waking, "When I awake, I am still with thee." The Psalmist's dream had probably been a full realization of the Messianic hopes of the Hebrew race. In his dream, God had come to dwell amongst his people, he saw the temple filled with his glory, as in the desert days, the tabernacle had been. Again they would enjoy the cloud by day and the fire by night to guide and protect his people. In imagination, all the troubles of Israel were over. A time of great national peace and prosperity had dawned, the kings of the earth are all bringing their glory to the God of Israel. But the dream faded, and he awoke. Gone was all the glory, the majesty departed. It had been but a dream, his eyes open on the world just as it was before, but with this difference, "When I awake, I am still with thee." He retains his sense of the presence of God, no longer a vision apprehended by earthly eyes, but visible to faith. He sees no train of angels, no presence upon a throne high and lifted up, but now he sees through and behind all things, upholding and directing—God, and the psalm from which our text is taken is his statement of that faith, it is his creed.

The Wonders of God

Look for a moment at the Psalm which we read together a few minutes ago. It is a wonderful expression of the immanance, the omniscience and the providence of God. Verses one to six rehearse the omniscience of God, "Thou knowest my down-sitting and my up-rising, thou understandest my thoughts afar off." Verses seven to twelve recognize God's presence everywhere, "If I take the wings of the morning and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, even there shall thy hand lead me and thy right hand uphold me." Then, in the remaining verses, he gives expression to what he has learnt of God's wonderful providence and saving power, "How precious are thy thoughts unto me, O God! How great is the sum of them! If I should count them, they are more in number than the sand; when I awake I am still with thee."

Can we not have this confidence? That God, the Almighty God, is with us, here. We do not worship, this evening, some Almighty Being who is withdrawn from us, far away and unapproachable, who sees our prayers and praises rise like distant incense smoke. God is here. We have Christ's word for that. "Lo, I am with you always." "Where two or three are gathered together, there am I in the midst." Not only have we his word, we have the testimony of Christian experience. His appearance in the Upper Room on the eighth day after the Resurrection is a parable of all life. They were gathered, and he was there, unseen at first then suddenly, he was visible. To loving hearts he reveals himself. Unseen, he stands among us, this evening, but visible to the eye of the faith, realized by loving hearts. God is with his people; yes, here, now. May he pardon our blindness and grant us a sense of his nearness. And tomorrow, about our duties, as we travel to and fro, in the office and upon the street, in the home and at the Club. It is a blessed thought to those who love him. What a source of confidence in troublous times such as those through which we are passing. What a source of strength in times of weakness!

Yes, it is a blessed thought to those who love him. But what for those who disregard Him? For them it is not so happy, for not only is he here, omnipresent, he is here, omniscient, He sees each action, hears every word, knows the very thoughts of our hearts and the motives which determine every deed, good or evil. He knows every inmost thought of our minds, every desire. There are no secret places from him, "The darkness and the light are both alike to thee."

The Other Side

But it is chiefly of the other side I would have you think this evening. The side that is changed with comfort and encouragement, for we love and are seeking to serve him and it is of infinite comfort to know that He knows our every need, our struggles, our loneliness, our fears, our discouragements, our weakness, our cowardice. He knows what is best for us. We only see the present, only a part, he sees life as a whole, the future is not hidden from him. And if he permits his people to pass through the fire it is that we may like the Hebrew children be loosed from our bonds, and if we trust him we shall be conscious of his presence with us, even in the fiery furnace of affliction. And when the fire is past, we shall stand forth, purged and purified and better for the experience. And God Almighty, Omniscient, Omnipresent will provide for the needs of his people. Seeing and knowing and loving we can trust all to him. "When I awake, I am still with thee."

God Never Fails

Do not hear and disregard. Do not go home, this evening, and judge all these wonderful promises to be but the stuff of dreams. They are real, they are true. They are contained in the word of One who never changes and never fails. They are not visionary and unproven but have been substantiated by the experience of a great multitude who have taken God at his Word. Nor is the promise for some distant time, the far future, some golden age that is to be. He is with us now, he sees and knows now, his strength is available now.

May God help us to grasp the great truths so convincingly realized by the Psalmist. It is the faith we profess, let us make it actual, it will change our whole life. Duties and responsibilities will take on fresh meaning as we are conscious of the eye of our Master on us, and the strength of our God empowering us. Sin will not be able to deceive us, nor clouds of trouble make us afraid. In moments of uncertainty, we shall look to him and in the day of death, we shall fear no evil.

Prosecutions Here Drop in February

Altogether 8,505 Cases Handled by Two Courts In the Settlement

The Municipal Advocate states in his report for February that a total of 8,505 cases were prosecuted in the Shanghai First Special Area District Court and the Kiangsu High Court, Second Branch, during the month, as compared with 10,599 cases in January. Out of the total number of cases prosecuted during February, 6,394 were administrative cases and 2,111 were criminal cases. Out of the total number of administrative cases brought to trial, 3,831 persons failed to appear and their bail was confiscated and 14 were withdrawn, as compared with 5,617 cases in which bail was confiscated and 13 cases withdrawn in January. Altogether 2,549 administrative cases were prosecuted to completion, out of which number 2,549 persons were convicted and none acquitted.

Ninety-nine criminal cases were withdrawn and 2,012 were prosecuted to completion, out of which number 1,884 persons were convicted and 128 acquitted. The total number of administrative and criminal cases prosecuted to completion was 4,561 as compared with 4,561 cases in January. Altogether 2,549 administrative cases were prosecuted to completion, out of which number 2,549 persons were convicted and none acquitted.

Ninety-nine criminal cases were withdrawn and 2,012 were prosecuted to completion, out of which number 1,884 persons were convicted and 128 acquitted. The total number of administrative and criminal cases prosecuted to completion was 4,561 as compared with 4,861 cases in January; 4,433 persons were convicted and 128 persons were acquitted as compared with 4,689 persons convicted and 172 persons acquitted in January.

In addition, there were 73 private criminal prosecutions, as compared with 89 in January.

Percentage of Convictions.—93.6 per cent. of the persons charged in criminal cases and 100 per cent. of the persons charged in administrative cases were convicted, making a total percentage of convictions for the month 96.8 per cent., as compared with 95.8 per cent. for January.

Appeals (a) By the Council.—One appeal was made during February to the High Court. No appeals were concluded during the month. The total number of appeals by the Council pending on February 29 was as follows:—In the Supreme Court, 2; in the High Court, 4.

Defendants' Appeals

(b) By Defendants.—113 appeals were perfected during the month, five to the Supreme Court and 108 to the High Court. 113 appeals by defendants were concluded and dealt with as follows:—

Exempted from punishment	1
Accused found not guilty	7
Appeals dismissed	76
Appeals withdrawn	8
Cases sent back for retrial	1
Sentences reduced	20

There were 318 appeals filed by defendants pending on February 29 as follows:—In the Supreme Court, 46; in the High Court, 272.

Cases Pending.—On February 29, there were pending in the High Court and District Court 87 cases, which, together with 324 cases on appeal, make a total of 411 cases. In addition to the above there were 30 cases in which the accused were held on writs of detention.

S. V. C. Orders

Amendment:—Reference C.R.O. No. 8, para 50, dated March 4. Parades—Officers Practice:—Delete Mounted Officers:—(Corps Cavalry and Officers specified in Instruction No. 1 of Annual Inspection Parade). Monday, March 25—Race Course 5.30 p.m. to 6.30 p.m. Tuesday, March 26—Race Course 5.30 p.m. to 6.30 p.m. Substitute (b) Mounted Officers:—(Corps Cavalry and Officers specified in Instruction No. 1 of Annual Inspection Parade). Wednesday March 27—Race Course 5.30 p.m. to 6.30 p.m.

Weapon Training — Classification (Rifle):—The undermentioned has qualified on "30 yards Range":—Light Automatic (A.D.) Company.—Pte. L. H. Dopson.

Inter-Unit Transfers:—Sergeant J. H. Zia, Chinese Company is transferred to Interpreter Company with effect from March 4.

Strength:—Increase:—The undermentioned are taken on the strength of the Corps as under:—Corps Cavalry:—Light Horse.—Troopers J. Moore March 1, E. B. Moller March 5, J. March March 6. Corps Troops:—Signals Company.—Sgm. N. I. Chulkoff ("A" Cl. Res.) March 4. "C" M.G. Company.—Privates R. Johansen March 1, V. Herlind March 1, O. Asp March 1, H. R. Madsen March 5, G. A. Magnussen March 7. "A" Battalion:—"A" Company.—Privates P. E. L. Arnvig March 1, R. S. L. Frewen March 5. "B" Company.—Pte. E. A. Waller March 6. Jewish Company.—Pte. H. P. Szybilski March 7. Light Automatic (A.D.) Company.—Pte. J. C. Greenfield March 4. "C" Battalion:—No. 3 (Vol) Company.—Pte. V. I. Terekhoff March 6. Decrease:—The undermentioned are taken off the strength of the Corps as under:—"A" Battalion:—"A" Company.—Pte. H. J. Christensen March 1. "B" Company.—Cpl. R. W. Slight March 6, Pte. J. Rickman March 4. Jewish Company.—Pte. E. Schueftan March 4. "B" Battalion:—Philippine Company.—Pte. R. Oliveros March 5. American M.G. Co.—Pte. G. G. Pardo March 5.

Canada to Care For Her Troops

Directorate of Auxiliary Services Will Provide Educational Facilities

Special to the "N.C.D.N."

Steps have been taken by the Canadian Government, through the Directorate of Auxiliary Services of the Canadian Forces to provide, for the education of young enlisted men so that, "through their enlistment, they may not be deprived of those elements of culture, training and character building to fit them for the future." In describing this work, Brig. W. W. Foster, Director of the Auxiliary Services, stated that "it was one of the great tragedies of 1914-1918 that in addition to the appaling sacrifice of life incidental to warfare, many of our finest and best, lost through lack of educational oportunities their rightful places in the race of life."

It is intended that this educational service, supplemented by the assistance of libraries, will not only be carried on in Canada but as the need arises later extended Overseas. The method of instruction will consist of talks, discussions, and allotted reading rather than in mere lectures. Special importance will be given to courses in conversational French and German. Consideration is also to be given in some quarters to the completion of courses leading to matriculation and the B.A. degree. Canadian universities and the Department of Education of the various provinces are co-operating in this scheme.

It is but natural that much of the auxiliary service work and particularly that in connection with educational matters, should be undertaken by war veterans of the great war of 1914-1918 who are in a better position than anyone to appreciate the requirements of the men in service. At the outset such major national organizations as the Canadian Legion of the British Empire Service League, the Imperial Order of the Daughters of the Empire, the Canadian Red Cross Society, the Knights of Columbus, the Salvation Army, the Young Men's Christian Association and the Young Women's Christian Association, all came forward with generous offers of help. The efforts of these organizations have been co-ordinated under the Auxiliary Services to provide for the maximum co-operation and efficiency.

Better Physically and Mentally

Brig. Foster, who was president of the Canadian Legion, sums up the duties of the Auxiliary Services as being to provide spiritual, recreational and cultural aids for Canada's fighting men. "It must be our aim," he said, "so to conduct the life of these young men that they may be fitted physically and mentally for the tasks that lie ahead, and, complementary to this endeavour, that we should try to equip them that, when the brighter day comes when they shall once more be returning to civil life, they will do so better than when they joined His Majesty's Services."

Enlisted men represent a cross section of the youth of this fair Dominion, stated Brig. Foster, "and every reasonable effort will and indeed must be made to preserve their potential value as the leaders of tomorrow. It is our earnest hope that by provision of Auxiliary Services on a scale and at a standard worthy of our voluntary army and worthy of Canada itself, we may in the future reap a rich harvest in young men disciplined in the comradeship of service, broadened in outlook, and fitted to face and overcome the difficulties of post-war reconstruction."

Seventy Years Ago

From the "North-China Daily News," of March 12, 1870

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A LONDON LETTER

By Olive Dun

London, Feb. 12.

We are all greatly taken up with our health. I have been laid up for the best part of a fortnight. Many other people have been laid up too, and wherever two or three are gathered together they discuss their ailments and convalescences with eager competition. Chemists complain that they can't make up prescriptions fast enough and our doctor is red-eyed from short nights. The popular complaint this year is gastric influenza, most irksome and in some cases painful. Some doctors say it is due to our having had so little sun last summer, followed by the abnormal cold of the past seven weeks. And now, when we thought the cold had gone for this year, down it has come again with the old fury. It is strange to read of people being able to walk across the sea from Denmark to Sweden, and of notices warning them against walking among the mine fields.

The King and Queen paid a visit to Bristol last week when part of their doings was to spend an nour with a number of captains of the Merchant Navy. Every one of these men had been torpedoed, some of them two or three times, in this war or the last, sometimes in both. Yet back they go to the sea "as unconcernedly as to a court ball." Naturally their feeling about the sea is quite different from a landsman's. But when one thinks of the power and wickedness of that "cauld saut bullering creature" and the still greater wickedness of the Germans scattering loose mines all over it, one has no words to express one's admiration for the heroism of these thousands of unknown merchant sailors.

One of the most moving of recent stories of escape from the sea is that of a young seaman who, with eight others, got away on a raft after his ship had been mined and sunk. One by one he saw them die of exposure or, in their raging thirst, drink the sea water which inevitably brings madness and death. Twice they saw a ship and thought they had been sighted, but only to see her steam away. This young man, the sole survivor, clung to the raft for days. When at last a vessel sighted him, he was too weak to signal. In his own words, all he could do was to whisper continually "Please God, let them see me."

Yet no doubt as soon as he is fit again, back he will go to the ships.

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Old Stagers Resurrected

Some weeks ago there was an article in "The Times" on the merits of Charlotte M. Yonge, with the result that there was a hue and cry after her books, and second-hand shops reaped a fat profit out of dusty volumes buried in the back of their shops and hitherto considered unsaleable. In fact, she could tell an excellent story and her historical details were remarkably careful and accurate. Still, one would hardly think she was to the taste of modern readers.

Now a life of Marie Corelli has been written which has attracted all the reviewers at great length, so I suppose there will be a run on her books. But in her case the miracle is, not that she might not be to the taste of this age but that she could have been to the taste of any. Yet she was not merely a best seller, every one of whose books as soon as it appeared would like Corney Grain's "Little Choir Boy"

be selling now by thousands
Far and wide throughout the land.

She attracted such great and diverse people as Queen Victoria, the Prince of Wales, Mr. Gladstone, who spent two hours with her while Mrs. G. sat patiently in the carriage, T. P. O'Connor, Swinburne and the Dean of Westminster. Where was the literary instinct of these, for the most part, scholarly people? She had a vivid imagination, and some of her ideas deserved better handling. "The Sorrows of Satan" for instance, in which Satan continually striving to regain Heaven is alternately raised or driven down by everyone who resists or yields to his temptations, might be the subject of a great poem. But her writing was atrocious, she was totally devoid of the least spark of humour, and one reviewer hardly goes too far in saying that her novels "for pretentiousness and bosh have never been equalled."

Yet one might query that judgment. Hannah More "floundering about like a huge conger eel in a sea of sentiment"; Martin Tupper, the proverbial philosopher; Mrs. Young and her "Night Thoughts"; Florence Barclay's "Rosary"; and even in these superior modern days, quite gallons of platitudinous treacle; in every generation there are plenty of the same breed as Marie Corelli though not always of the same successfulness. The fact is that the taste for thick sentiment of the "great B. P." is a constant, and if you can master the trick of appealing to it, you can snap your fingers at all the critics, as Marie Corelli did.

But if you have never read "The Mighty Atom," do ask for it in the library.

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And Still Another

Apropos of things bygone and famous I went yesterday to see "The Importance of Being Earnest." It is perfectly staged in the style of the early 'nineties and perfectly acted. Edith Evans's "Lady Bracknell" is a thing to remember all one's life. She has that utter naturalness on the stage in which Charles Hawtrey was nearly unique, the same supreme command of the art which conceals art. In the second and third acts Miss Gwen Ffrangcon Davis wore one of the loveliest dresses of white lace and net, with full sweeping skirt, a cream straw hat trimmed with flowers, and a white lace parasol. How far, far lovelier women's dresses were then than now!

But, and here's the rub, they belonged to the London of 40 years ago, not of today. Beneath the glitter and charm of this brilliant play there was a certain sadness. It breathed the atmosphere of a London that is as dead as the dodo; when people were as sure of themselves as England was; when income tax was a shilling in the pound and the principle of plundering everyone who was so wicked as to own a little money had not been exalted into a public virtue; and when there were great folk who led the country instead of trepidatious politicians who follow the mob. We can enjoy without a pang the picture of the times given in "School for Scandal": it is too remote to affect us. But "The Importance of Being Earnest" is quite otherwise. We can still hear the clang of the gates that have shut us out of that elysian world.

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Thoughts of Spring

Pheasant shooting has been extended to March 1, not to supplement our food supplies, but because with the severity of the winter and so many guns gone to a different sort of shooting, there are far too many pheasants about and the farmers are fearful for their spring sowing. The hunting season too is being extended for like reasons. Many packs are being run now by Mistresses of Hounds. But with the frost having lasted practically unbroken since December 21, hunting has been impossible anyway and it does not look as if the extension would be much use. Yet amazing to say, spring is in the air. I heard a fox singing a love song in the woods near our house last night (I suppose the lady appreciated it: people who hear it for the first time go cold with fear, thinking some awful murder is being done) and, still more wonderful, some of the herbaceous plants are beginning to push up thick clusters of little shoots. Yet the earth must be frozen two feet deep.

Soon, no doubt, we shall have the poachers out snaring rabbits. For with the rationing of meat that humble beast is coming into his own. The "Daily Express" quotes French, Italian, Hungarian and Spanish ways of cooking rabbit, and quotes some West End chef as boasting that he can serve rabbit in 100 different ways. It may be so. But experience teaches that these foreign methods of serving some comestible are excellent in their own country but seldom travel well. As for rabbit, you either like him very much or cannot abide him. Personally I would as soon eat rats.

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Let's Consider the Rich

To spend £20,000 in redecorating a house and then to put it up for sale almost before you have lived in it, that indeed is to be a millionaire.

This is what Sir Alfred Beit has done with his house in "millionaire row," Kensington Palace Gardens. He married last year Miss Clementina Mitford and had the decorations put in hand while on his honeymoon. Having inherited from his father one of the finest private collections of pictures in existence—Gainsboroughs, Van Dycks, Franz Hals and so on—he had the house remade as you may say, to be a frame for them. For example, the dining room was originally square; Sir Alfred had it remade as an oval, with spotlight flooding from invisible points in the ceiling to illuminate the six Murillos of "The Prodigal Son" which were the chief adornment. He also built a marble colonnade on the garden side of the house, connecting its two wings, and adorned it with floodlit statuary. Lady Beit added a few expensive ideas of her own, and the pair of them moved in just three months before the war. Then he went off to France on military duty and she went to Paris to be near him, and they decided to sell the house. One wonders who in these days will be able to buy it and keep it up in the style to which it is accustomed.

When scaling fish first scald them and a frequently disagreeable task will not be a worry.

Meet London's Georginas!

This bevy of pleasant girls carrying ladders and pails is composed of Georginas—another product of the war. They are porters in the Lyons chain of tea shops. In the piping times of peace the Lyons porters were of the male gender, and each and every one of them was known as "George." What is more natural than to call the feminine version "Georgina"?

Russian Women's Hostel To Be Enlarged

Deserving Institution Needs Support

The present abnormal conditions of life in Shanghai cause innumerable hardships to the entire population of the city, and it is only natural that single working women or girls find themselves in the most precarious position of all.

There are many of them, especially Russians, but the only place where these latter can find not only assistance, but care and attention, is the Russian Women's Hostel founded in the Autumn of 1935 on the initiative of Mme A. S. Jaspar.

At present 24 women and girls are accommodated at the Hostel, and the Committee cannot accept any more boarders, as the house is full to capacity.

Only single women and girls from 16 to 45 years of age can live at the Hostel, and the most needy of them get lodging, board and bedding free of charge.

Those who obtain work (often with the help of the management) and who receive salaries up to $40-50, pay for their board and lodging the nominal price of $10-15 per month.

The main purpose of the Hostel is to help those women and girls who for some reason find themselves temporarily out of work or receive such small salaries that they cannot make both ends meet. Under ordinary circumstances this may lead to semi-starvation or to very regrettable results, and in such cases the help given by the Russian Women's Hostel is of vital importance.

Unemployed women and girls, in the majority of cases new arrivals who have neither friends nor relatives in Shanghai, are allowed to stay at the Hostel free of charge for two months.

The Hostel is controlled by a Committee consisting of Mme M. Darré (chairman), Mme A. S. Jaspar (vice-chairman), Mr. Haig (honorary secretary), Mr. Guillemont (treasurer), and Mmes O. G. Karmilova, B. N. Ievleva, O. V. Marsh, C. E. Tarassova and E. L. Unterberger.

It is financially supported by Sir Victor Sassoon, the French Caisse des Œuvres, etc.

In conclusion it should be stressed once more that a further development of this useful institution has become vitally important. The committee of the Hostel has many plans and wishes for the future, but the most important problem is renting a larger house, which could accommodate more women and girls.

Any information on the hostel may be obtained from Mrs. M. Beliavskaya, matron, from 11-12 or from 4-6 p.m., or by phone 74884.

A. W. C.

On March 29 at 9 p.m. at the American Women's Club, the Dramatics Department will present three one-act plays "In a Glass Darkly" by Muriel Box; "Half An Hour" by James Barrie; "Chinese Ginger-Ale" by Saxon Carver. "In a Glass Darkly" is directed by Helen Judd and has the following cast:

Valerie Henderson ..Dallas Lee Franklin
Dora Henderson .....Mary Brittain
Davey .....Elsa Logan
Robert Keene .....Frank Ferguson

The Dramatics Department has been fortunate in securing the professional services of Miss Herzer as director of "Half An Hour." The cast follows:

Lady Lillian .....Peg Cornish
Mr. Garson .....George Carver
Hugh Lofting .....Stanley Bishoprick
Susie .....Saxon Carver
Mr. Redding .....Earl Otto
Mrs. Redding .....Lois Hendry
Dr. Brodie .....Mr. Deatch
The Butler .....Mr. Huebener

"Chinese Ginger-Ale" is a play written by one of the members of the Dramatics Department, Saxon Carver, who is also directing the play. It is a humorous play based on the complicated situation which arises when a young Marine returns to his simple, southern home on furlough and his mother, a "teetotaler," discovers champagne in his baggage. To make it all right he tells his mother it is Chinese ginger-ale. Humorous situations develop when the mother and the pastor become quite intoxicated. In the end the young girl, who has been "sitting up" to the pastor during the Marine's absence, renews her affections for her former sweetheart. The play has the following cast:

Marine .....Milner Brittain
Mother .....Elizabeth Ferguson
Young Girl .....Cora Bishoprick
Father .....Louis Wilkinson
Pastor .....Carlton Lacy

Tickets are available at the American Women's Club or through any member of the Dramatics Department.

Help Wanted for Limbless Fund

A jumble sale is in the air for April 11 for the benefit of the Limbless Sailors and Soldiers Fund to which Shanghai is such a faithful friend. But this time a real appeal is being made, for every jumble coffer is empty. Spring is the time for clearing out and refurnishing, and a chance of getting rid to good effect of what is not wanted ought to be welcomed with a cheer. Anything and everything will come in useful. Mrs. Arch Sinclair (Tel. 19008) will arrange to have contributions called for, or they can be sent to the Union Church Hall.

Gala Performance In Aid Of Polish War Victims

Music lovers will be glad to know that among those who are performing in "Music and Laughter" for the benefit of Polish war victims at the Lyceum Theatre on March 27 will be Mme M. Elzéar and Mme Y. H. J. Cloarec. By kind permission of Lieut.-Col. G. E. Swinton, M.C., and Officers of the 2nd Bn. The East Surrey Regiment, the band of the Battalion will play under the direction of Mr. E. B. Manley, A.R.C.M. The striking posters which are now advertising the show were designed and executed by Mrs. W. D. Allen, wife of the Third Secretary of the British Embassy.

International Committee for Polish War Victims

The committee of ladies shown above is concerning itself with the nard work connected with the coming gala performance of 'Music and Laughter" to be given in aid of Polish war victims at the Lyceum Theatre on March 27. (Back row, left to right) Mesdames B. C. Sienkiewicz, W. D. Allen, E. A. Long, J. Barraud, G. S. Moresthe, S. Chenoir; (front row, left to right) Mesdames W. K. Peltz, E. Vongehr, Miss J. Gernbicka, Mesdames J. M. Doyle, O Worden.

B. W. A.

Monday, Mar. 11.—Badminton. Membership Committee at 677 Rue Bourgeat at 5.30 p.m.

Tuesday, Mar. 12.—Jumble Sale. Hospital Aid Department 9 to noon.

Wednesday, Mar. 13.—Executive Committee Meeting 9.30 a.m. Red Cross Work 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Knitting 9.30 to 11.30 a.m. and 4.45 to 6 p.m.

Thursday, Mar. 14.—Annual General Meeting 5.15 p.m. Red Cross Work at 1288 Bubbling Well Road 9 to noon.

Friday, Mar. 15.—Badminton. Red Cross Work at 1288 Bubbling Well Road 9 to noon. Home and Garden Section at 17 Lucerne Road 10 a.m.

Saturday, Mar. 16.—Badminton. Knitting 9.30 to 11.30 a.m.

The next event of importance will be the Annual General Meeting on Thursday, March 14, at 5.15 p.m. It is hoped that members will realize their responsibility and attend the meeting to vote for those they wish to have represent them on the Executive Board. There are no proxy votes. Tea will be served at 4 p.m.

The Home and Garden Section are holding their next meeting at Mrs. P. S. Hopkins's house, 17 Lucerne Road, at 10 a.m. Mr. Kerr will talk on "Spring Work in the Vegetable Garden."

The Executive Committee have arranged a bridge and mahjongg tea at Headquarters on Thursday, March 28 at 3 p.m. in aid of Headquarters Funds. Tables are $8 and may be booked at the office.

A very attractive children's party is being arranged by the Musical and Dramatic Section for Easter Saturday, March 23, from 4 to 6 p.m. Tickets are $1.50 and include tea, coloured cartoons, talkies, and also Easter eggs. Judging from the popularity of this party in the past, members and their friends are advised to book early.

The Committee of the War Work Knitting Section wish to advise that they are not issuing wool on Saturday, March 23. Workers are asked to obtain all their requirements on Wednesday, March 20.

The Needlecraft Section wish to make it known to members and their friends that they are having a sale of Easter toys at Headquarters on March 20. Have a look at their work before you buy elsewhere.

The Home and Garden Section are busy on home-made jams and pickles at the moment and will be very grateful for bottles and jars.

Busy Hands May Be Beautiful

Some Simple Treatments and Precautions

Spend a few minutes daily on a few simple treatments and precautions, and you will soon discover that your hands will no longer notify the world that you are a busy person instead of a lady of leisure.

Naturally you cannot expect transformation by the end of a week, but after a very short period you will certainly notice a decided improvement.

The main sufferer from ruined hands is the housewife. Whenever she reads beauty articles on the care of the hands, she usually shrugs her shoulder and smiles to herself.

No matter how busy you may be, you can spare a few minutes nightly to remove the traces of the day's work, and to prepare the hands for the morrow.

If the skin is rather rough and hardened, mix a little powdered pumice-stone into a thin paste with olive oil. This paste should then be spread over the hands and lightly massaged into the skin. Then it should be carefully removed, and the skin again lightly massaged, this time with tissue cream. Start the massage movement at the tips of the fingers and work gently but firmly towards the wrist. Massage the knuckles with a circular movement, and see that plenty of cream is used. Allow the cream to remain on all night.

This treatment will not only help preserve the skin and keep it in a soft and supple condition, but will also prevent the knuckles from spreading and becoming too large.

House Gloves Help

Discoloured hands will require a slightly different treatment. Often the redness is caused through bad circulation or through wearing gloves which are too tight. Either of these causes suggest their own remedy, i.e., either improve the circulation or change your gloves. When the redness is caused by housework the following simple treatment will correct it.

Always remember that after the hands have been in warm water, at any time during the day, they should immediately be rinsed in cold water, and a little cold cream should then be massaged well into the skin. If this simple treatment is always carried out the hands will never become red, chapped, or rough.

When you are dusting or carrying out any grubby work, always wear a pair of house gloves. This will prevent the skin from becoming grimed.

When the skin has become heavy, sallow, or in any way discoloured, you can make it white again by mixing enough lemon juice and salt together to form a thin paste, and then applying a little of the paste at night to the hands. Allow it to remain on the skin for a few minutes. Then rinse it away with cold water, smear a little glycerine and rosewater or honey and almond cream into the skin, and allow it to remain on all night.

Bleaching Pack

The above treatment is quite simple, and requires very few minutes. The following one takes a little more time, but is really more efficacious. It is really a bleaching pack, and its use is very beneficial to the skin.

First scrub your hands clean with warm water and soap. Then massage a little nourishing cream well into the skin, paying particular attention to the finger joints and the knuckles. Allow the cream to remain on the skin while you mix your bleaching pack. Mix together half an ounce of oatmeal, five to six drops of tincture of benzoin, and one-eighth of an ounce of peroxide. Mix into a thick paste and then add enough warm olive oil to thin the paste.

Remove the surplus nourishing cream from the hands with facial tissues, and apply the pack to the skin. Allow it to remain on until it is quite dry, and then with towels which have been soaked in warm water remove the mixture. Remove every trace of the dried paste from between the fingers, and take care that you do not rub the skin too vigorously. If the paste is difficult to remove it is because the towel is not wet enough.

Every Night

Finally massage a little honey and almond lotion or nourishing cream well into the skin.

Once your hands become soft and white, it is quite an easy matter to keep them in this condition by massaging with cold cream every night.

You can see from the above simple treatments that there is not the slightest reason why you should ever be ashamed of your hands. A very few minutes nightly, and you will have hands which, even if they are not beautiful, will certainly be far from ugly.

Some Household Hints

The little bits of soap that are left over should be tossed into a tin. When the tin is reanly full meit the soap with a slow, steady heat. Then let it get quite cold—the colder the better; in the refrigerator, if possible. Finally, slip a knife all around it and you have a block of useful soap instead of useless scraps.

A small teaspoonful of malt extract added to a cup of cocoa will give it a delightful flavour.

When returning empty jam or pickle bottles to the pantry, place them upside down. Only a dusting will be required when they are needed again.

Reptile skin and handbags which have become discoloured can be restored by gently applying a soft cloth dipped in peroxide of hydrogen.

When apples are peeled they often turn brown very quickly. To avoid this drop them into water to which a little salt has been added.

Woodland Beauty Culture

A beauty expert of the Nazi Labour Front has been telling women how to tend their complexions without using cosmetics, or even soap. She recommends:

A preparation of horse-chestnuts which "lathers like soap";

Boiled pine-needles as another soap substitute for use in the bath; and

Stewed ivy-leaves and potato-skins to cleanse the complexion.

Still harping on the uselessness of soap, this expert advises continual bathing, "because the more you bath the less soap you need, and water alone cleans better."

Shoulders Up, Waists Lower

Here is the authentic advance spring fashion outline:

Skirts retain their present shortness.

Waists pinched in and placed slightly lower;

Shoulders high, well padded, but not too square;

Necks high with a military line;

Jackets hip length, with pockets on the front of the hip;

Coat-frocks will be much worn, severely tailored, waisted, often showing a finely worked lingerie waistcoat or "front."

Among the new colours will be duck egg blue, pale rust and peach.

Skirt Stratagems

Inverted pleats swung open to show contrasting colours beneath; a shower of roses seemed to fall down the back of a dark afternoon gown.

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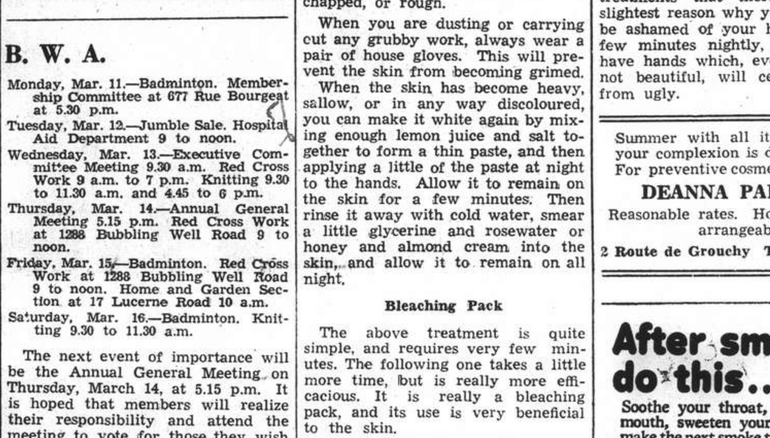

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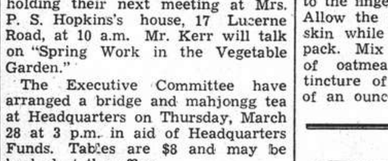

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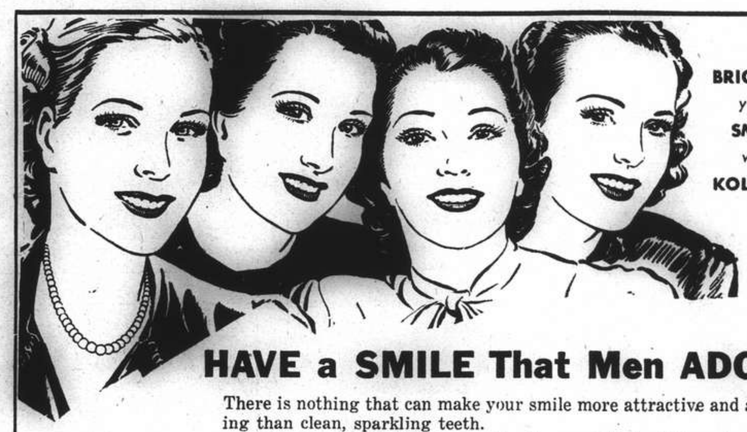

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Junior Squash Tournament

Result of British Army and Rowing Club "B" Match to Be Decided Tomorrow

THE decision as regards the team to play the Race Club "B" in the semi-final of the junior squash racket knockout tournament is held over till tomorrow night when Gen. F. K. Simmons plays T. O. Schmid in the fifth and deciding match of the series between the British Army team and the Rowing Club "B", the other four matches having been split evenly between the two teams in their match played last night.

Interest in that match will be particularly keen as the two players are both well on in years and some close and good play is expected. The game will take place on the Rowing Club courts and the team winning will meet the Race Club in the semi-final of this competition, the Light Horse having already qualified for the final.

Of yesterday's matches, all four provided some long and hard fought struggles, that between Capt. J. R. Cole and R. S. L. Frewen going to five games wherein two of the games went to 8-8 before any decision could be reached. Frewen was in a better position in the first game and won, but the second saw him having to play off from 8-8 to go on to win at 10-9. Capt. Cole won the next fairly handsomely at 9-1, and the fourth went to 10-8 in the Army player's favour, the fifth seeing Frewen coming up strongly to win at 9-1.

The other close match of the day took place between R. Dickinson of the Rowing Club and Lieut. Cater of the Army, here again two games going to 8-8 before a decision could be reached. Cater won the first game at 10-8 and lost the second at 9-10, the next two were split at 9-5 each and it was in the last that Dickinson was able to go ahead and win by 9-5 which gave the Rowing Club their victory, in this match.

Strong Army Player

Capt. J. C. Powell was too strong for A. C. Sinclair whom he defeated in four games, but the run of play was close and Sinclair was able to take the third game, failing to maintain this run of play in the fourth which gave Powell the match. The other match of the day saw Maj. J. E. Marsh defeating P. Pfanner in four games, with the Rowing Club player winning the third, but failing to keep up the pressure with the result that his opponent was able to go on and win.

The semi-final between the Race Club "B" and the winner of the Rowing Club "B" and the Army was to have been played today but in view of the postponement of the matches to yesterday, and the further postponement of this deciding match, the semi-final will be played on Thursday.

After their earlier lead of 2-1 in games taken by the Light Horse over the Race Club "B" last Thursday, A. A. White defeated A. V. Striker by 9-2, 7-9, 5-9, 9-3, 9-2, to win that match although J. K. Wilson lost to J. S. Flood by 9-7, 2-9, 3-9, 6-9. The Light Horse have by their good performances recently, been able to qualify for the final of this competition and now await the result of the matches between the Army, the Rowing Club "B" and the Race Club "B" to see which team enters the final with them. They are in the fortunate position of not having been beaten as yet and if they are beaten once in the final, they have another opportunity by the rules of this competition which declares that any team must be beaten twice before it is eliminated.

The results of the two matches played were:

Results of Play

LIGHT HORSE 3, RACE CLUB "B" 2

H. Maitland lost to J. R. Jacob, 9-2, 5-9, 6-9, 6-9.
J. G. W. Lewis beat G. Talbot, 2-9, 7-9, 9-5, 9-3, 9-2.
J. Moore beat G. J. Mary, 3-10, 7-9, 9-6, 9-6, 9-2.
A. A. White beat A. V. Striker, 9-2, 7-9, 5-9, 9-3, 9-2.
J. K. Wilson lost to J. S. Flood, 9-7, 2-9, 3-9, 6-9.

ROWING CLUB "B" 2, BRITISH ARMY 2

A. C. Sinclair lost to Capt. J. C. Powell, 5-9, 5-9, 9-6, 6-9.
R. S. L. Frewen beat Capt. J. R. Cole, 9-5, 10-9, 1-9, 8-10, 9-1.
P. Pfanner lost to Maj. J. E. Marsh, 9-10, 7-9, 9-6, 3-9.
R. Dickinson beat Lieut. A. C. A. Cater, 8-10, 10-9, 9-5, 5-9, 9-5.

Wartime Cricket Club Formed

Decision to Extend Time Of Football Season May Harm Cricketers

London, Feb. 22.

County cricket shows no sign of life. But there are certain first-class cricketers who do. Celebrities from Surrey, Middlesex, Kent and Essex met in Andy Sandham's Wandsworth "cricket college" and formed a war-time club to be known as London Counties cricket Eleven.

Among the glamour gang present were Patsy Hendren, Woolley, Sandham, Hobbs, Price, Brooks, D. Hendren and Hart. It was announced that P.G.H. Fender, big Jim Smith, Watt, Eastman and Hulme have joined the club.

Mr. C. E. Jones, who thought up the idea to help professional players through a season in which there will be little, if any, county cricket, is one of a Committee of three. Sandham (Surrey) and Todd (Kent) are his associates.

The idea is to raise teams to play on club grounds against club sides, Services sides, possibly the Schools and Universities. Matches will be mainly, but not entirely, at weekends. "There will be a lot of oldhands on view, no doubt" Patsy Hendren told me, "and a general rush from the outfield to the slips—and then neither we nor the spectators will be able to see the ball! I dare say, however, we shall put up some games worth watching."

This London Counties Eleven has caught on with enthusiasm. Catford, Honor Oak, and Cheam have already offered fixtures. Wartime "Test" matches with the Australian forces, R.A.F., Army and Navy are being arranged.

Rugby to Trespass

Heedless of appeals of cricket clubs in Yorkshire to leave the summer free for summer sports, the rugby League have decided to invade rival territory, as it were, and take their game right through June. They put the extension proposal to the vote, and though all replies are not yet to hand, 21 have declared for professional rugby in summer, and only three against. So it is carried; in fact, the League have already announced that football will continue until June 22.

So much for Yorkshire's request to the Rugby League and the F.A. to shut football down in May in order to give cricket a clear field. Indications are that the F.A. will also say "Yes" to an extension if the clubs table a plan for a cup competition. The Rugby League's decision can only be viewed with alarm in cricket circles.

Football in June is a wartime expedient, but once a precedent of this sort is established there is no telling what the outcome will be.

In ignoring the welfare of the sister game, the Rugby League have adopted an inconsiderate and selfish attitude. They would probably be the first to complain if the situations could be reversed. At the same time, one can blame cricket clubs for slowness in making up their minds what to do about next season. The League would have thought twice about going into June if they had been faced with definite competition from cricket.

People continue to write on this subject of cricket's uncertainty. They stress the points made by professionals, that to shut down the game would handicap it for years; it would destroy interest; arrest the development of young players below military age. The call is also made for a conference of cricket clubs, but when the M.C.C. threw out this particular bait the clubs did not bite. Now they have been bitten instead.

England To Meet Wales In Return Game

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

London, Mar. 11.

A return Rugby Union international match between England and Wales will be played at Gloucester on April 13.

On Saturday, England beat Wales at Cardiff by 18 points to nine.—Reuter.

Texas Enters Basketball Championships

Kansas, City, Mo., Mar. 10.

Texas Wesleyan College, of Fort Worth, Texas, conference champion basketball team, Saturday entered the National Inter-collegiate tournament to complete the bracket of 32 teams which square off Monday in first round games.—United Press.

Baseball in U.S. to Begin April 16

New York, Mar. 10.

The National League yesterday ratified its 1940 schedule, beginning April 16 and ending September 29.

Schedule changes necessitated by the late decision of St. Louis and Pittsburgh to play night baseball were left up to those clubs, individually. They will have to work out their own arc light schedules.

On April 16, Brooklyn will open at Boston, Philadelphia at New York, Chicago at Cincinnati and Pittsburgh at St. Louis. On April 19 New York will open at Brooklyn, Cincinnati at Pittsburgh, Boston at Philadelphia and St. Louis at Chicago.

The annual American v. National League All-Star game will be played in St. Louis July 9.—United Press.

Chungking Sports Meet

To test the physical fitness of the people in Chungking, the National Spiritual Mobilization Association will hold a track and field meet today, first anniversary of the formation of the organization, says a Chungking Chinese message to yesterday's "Sin Wan Pao."

The events will include long jump, hurdles, 50 metres, a relay and a hand-grenade throwing competition, the report states.

"N.C.D.N." Photo.

Roboostoff in the Air

Note Roboostoff's rigid fingers as he leaps backwards in an attempt to head the ball home. Left to right: Z. H. Mie, Roboostoff and Z. Kiang in Sunday's match between the A.S.F. and Lido.

Commercial Men At Ten Pins

Chase Bank Score Highest Single; Press Team Makes Triple of 2,787

Close play featured last night's games in the Commercial Ten Pins League when eight matches were rolled off in the two divisions. In the Harwood Section all the encounters were decided by the odd game in three. In the Softwood Section three of the tussles reached a 2-1 decision.

Dolinsek of the Marine Headquarters was outstanding as he scored both the highest single and triple with respective tallies of 235 and 615.

The best team single was chalked up by the Chase Bank. With a handicap of 187 the side turned in a score of 1,009. The highest team triple was made by the Press, garnering 2,787.

The results follow:—

HARDWOOD SECTION

Press (2)	926	937	922	2,787
1st Bn. Marines (1)	982	852	873	2,657
Hdq. Marines (2)	940	922	898	2,760
Yankee Consul (1)	850	933	808	2,597
Texaco Bears (2)	924	921	936	2,781
Accountants (1)	851	954	833	2,638
Ch. of Commerce (2)	944	966	911	2,821
Automobiles (1)	896	833	913	2,642

SOFTWOOD SECTION

2nd Bn. Marines	951	862	938	2,750
Commercial Exp. (1)	872	868	894	2,634
Transportation (3)	897	917	889	2,703
Texaco Stars (0)	878	843	848	2,569
Communications (2)	865	880	990	2,735
Telephones (1)	958	876	935	2,769
Insurance (2)	927	837	884	2,698
Banks (1)	884	1,009	878	2,771

Conclusion of Hand Ball Competition

Tchakalian and Wurm Nose Out Ho and Sung

After two extremely close games at the Y.M.C.A. yesterday evening F. Tchakalian and A. Wurm retained their title in the second play-off of the Sixth Annual Shanghai Double Elimination Handball Doubles Series by defeating Ho and Sung, the crack Chinese representatives by 21-19, 21-19.

In the first heat Ho and Sung quickly took a short lead but by dint of better positional play and all round court craft Tchakalian and Wurm forged ahead gradually. By the end of the fifth hand they were ahead by six points; this margin was almost held until the Chinese began their tenth serivce when the score read 18-13. Ho and Sung then unleashed some skilfully placed shots off the side walls and with Wurm and Tchakalian making mistakes the eventual losers took the lead with a fine rally of six points. It certainly appeared after Wurm failed to secure any points with his service that the Chinese would win, but Tchakalian with a series of scintillating drives, crowned by an ace service, gained three more points and the game.

The challengers began the second game well, taking a four-nil lead immediately. The holders then settled down to business and with a good rally, which netted them seven points in the third hand, reversed the score. At the end of the fifth the foreigners led by 14-7, after which Ho and Sung took nine points in a row to regain the lead. They led again at 19-18, but this was the final occasion in which they were in front, some good all round play netting Tchakalian and Wurm the necessary points for victory in the last two hands.

Scores:

Tchakaliann-Wurm:	21	12	21	23	21
Ho-Sung:	00	13	21	6	19
Ho-Sung:	01	21	30		19
Tchakalian-Wurm:	27	04	12		21

U.S.C. Whip Oregon For Cage Title

Los Angeles, Mar. 10.

The University of Southern California defeated the University of Oregon, 54-41, Friday night to win the first game in a two out of three series to decide the championship of the Pacific Coast basketball conference.—United Press.

Final of Skottowe Cup on Saturday

Clube Lusitano to Meet Lido at Canidrome; Four First Division Matches

With honours in the First Division of the Shanghai Football Association competition virtually decided in favour of Lido, followers of the game will pay their attention to the finals of the Skottowe and International Cups which are to be held during the coming week-ends.

Of the two championships, the Skottowe Cup will be decided first. The game is scheduled to take place on Saturday afternoon at the Canidrome when Lido, holders of the trophy, clash with Clube Lusitano at 2.30 p.m.

Chances for the Portuguese to emerge victorious are fair as several members of the crack Chinese eleven are still on the injured list and it is said that they will most likely field the same depleted side that played the A.S.F. last Sunday morning.

Four First Division matches are also scheduled for this week-end. At the Racecourse on Saturday the Saint Francis Xavier's will meet the rejuvenated Police eleven. The law officers have recently broke into the winning column and their clash with the speedy Saints should be watched with interest.

Sunday afternoon sees three tussles. At Kiaochow Park Tung Hwa will take up the Seaforths while those who go to the Racecourse will have the choice of watching either the game between the Recs and A.S.F. or that between the Surreys and Public Thomas Hanbury.

Mr. F. S. Bridges, President of the Shanghai Football Association will make the presentation of the Cup and medals to the winners of the Skottowe Cup at the conclusion of the game on Saturday at the Canidrome.

The Fixtures

Following is the list of games for this week-end:—

SATURDAY

Skottowe Cup Final.—Lido *v.* Lusitano, Canidrome, 2.30 p.m.
1st division.—S.M.P. *v.* S.F.X., R.G. 2, 3 p.m.
Reserve division.—P.T.H. *v.* S.R.C., R.G. 1, 3 p.m.
2nd division.—Ching Hwa *v.* J.R.C., Kiaochow, 3 p.m.
3rd division.—3 Cults *v.* Aurora, Aurora, 3 p.m.

SUNDAY

1st division.—Tung Hwa *v.* Seaforths, Kiaochow, 3.10 p.m.; Surreys *v.* P.T.H., R.G. 2, 3 p.m.; S.R.C. *v.* A.S.F., R.G. 1, 3 p.m.
2nd division.—U.T.P. *v.* J.A.C., Kiaochow, 1.30 p.m.; Row. Club *v.* Russ. Regt., R.G. 5, 3 p.m.

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Goal-Keeper Doing Push Ups?

With the ball entering his net, Chen, Lido goalie, appears to be doing his morning exercises in Sunday's match against the A.S.F.

Great Interest in Darts Circles

Open League Fast Drawing To Conclusion; R.A.S.C. Popular Favourites

Interest in local darts circles is now reaching fever pitch for, with the Open Shanghai league now in its closing stages, no less than four of the leading teams still have a good chance of being crowned champions. The R.A.S.C., now at the head of affairs with 35 points gained from sixteen matches, are favoured to take the title in many quarters, but the Louza Blues with seven points less from only twelve encounters are thought to have an equally good chance. The present leaders have maintained a fast pace since the inception of this year's tournament and though they have but three more matches to play they will have to secure every possible point to be certain of winning.

The R.A.S.C. played during the past week but once and beat the lowly placed S.V.C. representatives, but they failed to annex three points, only winning by 2-1. The Blues have not played during the past ten days but followers of the arrowed game can be certain that the Police players will not be far away from the soldiers when the final match is due to be played.

Perfect Score Made

The highlight of the week's performances was V. Mason's 180 throw for the Pootoo Road Police side. Cumming, the previous best high scorer, had tallied 174 in one throw and it was generally believed such an effort would remain unbeaten. Mason, however, with three perfect treble twenties did the trick and thus scored a possible, a performance that has never been done before in competitive play in Shanghai.

Last week's results and standings follow:

Seaforth Corporals 2, Pootoo Road 1
S.V.C. 1, R.A.S.C. 2
Wayside 1, West Hongkew 2
Pootoo Road 1, Recs 2
Seaforths Corporals 0, Military Police 3
Recs 0, Seaforths Corporals 3
Garrison Sergeants' Mess 1, Pootoo Road 2
Central Club 2, Fire Brigade 1
Area Details 1, Seaforths Corporals 2
Seaforths Sergeants 0, Triple Darts Club 3

	P.	W.	L.	F.	A.
Royal Army Service Corps	16	13	3	35	13
Carter Road Canteen	15	11	4	30	15
Sgts. Mess East Surreys	15	9	6	29	16
Louza Blues	13	11	2	28	11
Cpls. Mess Seaforths	17	12	5	28	23
Garrison Sgts. Mess	16	8	8	26	22
Gaol	13	9	4	24	15
Corps of Military Police	14	7	7	23	19
Area Details	16	8	8	22	26
S'hai Fire Brigade	17	7	10	22	29
S'hai Recreation Club	16	6	10	22	26
Sgts. Mess Seaforths	16	6	10	21	27
Pootoo Road	16	8	8	20	28
Wayside	15	5	10	20	25
Triple Darts Club	16	6	10	19	29
S.V.C.	17	5	12	19	32
R.A.M.C.	14	7	7	18	24
Police Club Reds	13	5	8	17	22
West Hongkew	13	5	8	17	22
Central Club	16	4	12	16	32

Societies Golf Match Played at Hungjao

St. David's Lose to St. Patrick's, 17-3¾

St. Patrick's Society won the annual match with St. David's Society, 17—3¾, on Sunday at Hungjao, by courtesy of the Club committee. The two teams had lunch together, when a new cup, presented by Mr. A. H. Hopkyn Rees, which is to be played for annually, was handed to the president of the winners by the president of St. David's Society.

The Scores

The scores follow:—

ST. PATRICK'S *v.* ST. DAVID'S

	Score	Singles	Foursomes		Score	Singles	Foursomes
H. Barton	1			T. S. Powell	—		
J. Barton	1		2½	K.E.Newman	—		
B. Wall			1¼	W. H. E. Thomas	0		
L. McGolrick	1		2½	H. Prytherch	0	0	
J. F. Brister			1¼	J. S. Eynon	0		
J.H.P. Perry			1¼	J. A. Bonnyman	0	0	
E. T. Heenan			¼	A. J. Evans	1		
E. F. Hardman	0	2		T. J. Evans			1¼
P. A. Corbett	1			R. A. Jones			¼
A. McKeown	0	0		J. R. Jones			1¼
	8	9					3¼
Add singles	8			Add singles			3¾
Total	17			Total			3¾

Scoring:—Singles 1 point for the match, ¼ for the bye; foursome 2 points for the match, ½ for the bye.

Shanghai Golf Club

The results for the Shanghai Golf Club March Monthly Cup follow:—

"A" CLASS

H. R. Malcolm	75	4	71
R. T. Dwyer	76	3	73
G. J. Mary	82	9	73
W. P. Willson	86	12	74
A. J. Clark	88	12	76

"B" CLASS

G. D. LaMont	86	18	68
W. W. Jourdin	64	13	71
P. Isherwood	89	15	74
F. R. Smith	90	14	76
C. F. Wolsiffer	96	14	82

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21-Mile Marathon to Be Held on March 31

109 Competitors Entered In Annual Event

No less than 109 competitors have entered for the International 21-Mile Marathon Cross-Country Championship, sponsored by the Hongkew Athletic Club, which is to take place on March 31, at 8 a.m.

The course to be covered by the competitors will be as follows:—

Start:—Corner of Bubbling Well and Yates Roads.

Finish:—Kwong Hsia Middle School on Moulmein Road.

Route:—From starting point via Bubbling Well Road, Gordon, Haiphong, Singapore, Kiaochow, Yu Yuen, Keswick, Hungjao, Columbia, Great Western, Tifeng, Yu Yuen, Keswick, Hungjao, Columbia, Great Western Roads, Avenue Foch and Moulmein Road to finish point.

Contestants will be required to run once round the ground of the Kwong Hsia Middle School, the finishing point. No fee will be charged for entering. The race will be open to all harriers interested in the event. A full list of teams and competitors' names must, however, be sent before March 20, Mr. Y. T. Liang 815 Avenue Road.

10,000 Metres Cross-Country

The 10,000 Metres Individual Cross-Country Race Championship sponsored by the Ching Kuang Athletic Club, will take place on April 7, at 8 a.m., it was announced yesterday by an official of the Hongkew Athletic Club.

Entries for this event are open and intending competitors are requested to submit their names to 815 Avenue Road, before March 31.

Utilities Football

The Utilities League match played on Sunday between the Bus Co. and the Power Co. resulted in a draw, 2-2. The League table to date reads as follows:—

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Bus	5	2	1	2	7	12	5
Phones	3	2	—	1	9	3	4
Water	4	2	—	2	7	6	4
Power	4	1	1	2	6	8	3

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It is particularly requested that all applications be forwarded to the undersigned before 5 p.m. on Friday, March 15, 1940.

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Heavy Fighting in N. Hupeh

Chinese Forces Stated Holding Strategic Points; Consolidate Tahung Positions

Chungking, Mar. 11.

AFTER a week of heavy fighting in northern part of the province of Hupeh, Chinese forces are reported finally to have consolidated their positions in the Tahung mountains, after capturing strategic positions in the north, as well as east of the mountains, according to Chinese field despatches received here from Fancheng.

Commencing on March 4, it is stated that Japanese forces comprising infantry, artillery and cavalry units, supported by aircraft, launched an attack on Chinese positions west, and also south, of Suihsien.

At the same time, Japanese forces northwest of Suihsien are reported to have attacked Hoohiatien, aided by a column south of Suihsien. An attack was also said to have been launched against the town of Kwangchuantien.

Severe fighting is reported to have progressed until the night of March 7, when a Chinese column is said to have circled round a Japanese flank, and so captured the town of Loyangtien in the rear of the Japanese, on the morning of March 8.

The Japanese forces were then reported to have withdrawn to their original positions on March 9, leaving the Chinese in occupation of strategic points north and also east of the Tahung mountains.—Reuter.

Japanese Bombers Raid Tangtu

A Japanese Air Base, Mar. 11.

Subjected to severe bombing yesterday was Tangtu also called Taiping, located in Anhwei, 130 miles southwest of Nanking, as Japanese naval aeroplanes staged two surprise raids over the town, according to a dispatch received here today.

Reportedly acting on intercepted information that a conference of Chinese Army commanders of the 33rd Group Army was in session at Tangtu, three units of Japanese Naval planes which had been comparatively inactive since bombing expeditions to Lanchow at the end of last year, bombed the town at 10 a.m. and again at 2 p.m. The raids were reported to have resulted in heavy damage to Chinese military establishments.

All bombing planes returned to their base unscathed, according to the dispatch.—Domei.

Chinese Troops Hold-out in Hainan

Chungking, Mar. 11.

Despite occupation by Japanese forces of the important ports in Hainan Island, Chinese forces are still reported to be holding-out in the mountains in the interior, according to reliable information reaching here from a Chinese source.

Although regular Chinese troops were withdrawn before the Japanese drive, it is stated that at present there are two regiments of the Chinese Public Safety Corps (Paoantui), and also many local self-defence units, which are co-operating with the Public Safety Corps.

Despite Japanese occupation of the principal ports, it is said that the Chinese forces holding out in the mountains continue to receive military supplies from the mainland regularly.

Chinese military forces on the mainland are declared to maintain communications by means of junks, which smuggle arms and supplies during the night.

The smuggling is reported to be so successful, that Chinese traders are even said to be taking the risk of shipping goods from the mainland and thus selling ordinary goods to the Chinese in the interior of the island at good profits.—Reuter.

Aircraft Score in Kuangtung

A Japanese Air Base, Mar. 11.

Chinese forces in Eastern Kuangtung suffered heavy losses last week as the Japanese Army air force carried out a successful series of raids, officers here said today.

Bombed on March 3 by Japanese planes at Tsunglin, 15 km. southeast of Chaoan, were 300 Chinese troops, while 500 Chinese forces at Paishui in the hilly regions north of Chaoan were attacked Friday.

Also bombed were 650 Chinese troops at Shakaitu in the Chaoan-Swatow area on Saturday, they added.

After bombing and strafing 100 Chinese troop remnants in the Kityang area on Saturday, Japanese flyers concluded the raid by sinking four Chinese 300-ton military vessels which were fleeing up the Kityang River, they concluded.—Domei.

Japanese Mop-up in Kuangtung

Swatow, Mar. 11.

Japanese operations in eastern Kuangtung entered the mopping-up stage yesterday after 20,000 Chinese troops had been routed on Saturday night when a two-day Japanese offensive reached its climax, the headquarters of the Japanese Expeditionary Forces to south China announced in a communiqué yesterday evening.

Chinese combatants who were found abandoned dead numbered 4,468, while an additional 6,000 casualties were estimated to have been inflicted upon the Chinese by aerial bombing and strafing attacks, the announcement stated.

The operations were being conducted in areas southwest of Chaochow along the eastern coast of Kuangtung. Augmented by reinforcements received recently, the Japanese forces in this area took the field on Thursday against 20,000 Chinese troops which had been gradually strengthened since January, the communiqué stated.

The Japanese operations were being continued yesterday despite a heavy rain, as the attacking forces strove to envelop Chinese remanants at various points, field reports indicated.—Domei.

"Fictitious" Victories Given Lie

Canton, Mar. 11.

In a brief three-day offensive, Japanese troops operating in the Swatow-Chaoan sector in eastern Kuangtung have given the lie to fictitious Chinese victories," a Japanese military spokesman declared here today.

Despite frequent reverses, these troops offered stubborn resistance, while by the end of February invented victories in this area were spread by the Chinese, the spokesman asserted.

"Taking advantage of this concentration," the spokesman declared, "Japanese troops, reinforced by elite units, started operations to trap and annihilate the Chinese in that area." The aim of the Japanese forces, he stated, was similar to that of previous campaigns. It did not provide for the occupation of points in the interior or the extension of the theatre of operations. The Chinese, he declared, were routed in three days.—Domei.

Japanese Press Mail Hold-up Dispute

Not Satisfied With French Declarations

Tokyo, Mar. 11.

Instructions to ascertain whether or not the French authorities had returned all mail, in transit from Siam to Japan, censored aboard the ss. Bangkok Maru at Haiphong on March 5, "except mail containing military information" had been sent to the Japanese Consul-General at Hanoi, the Foreign Office spokesman said here today.

The Japanese Government, he added, had not lodged a formal protest with the French Government over the incident.

Eighty-eight pieces of mail and 22 parcels, mostly addressed to Germany, were confiscated. Three bags of mail and three bags of parcel mail put aboard the Japanese vessel at Bangkok for landing at Keelung, and two bags of a mail and three bags of parcels en route from Bangkok to Kobe were opened by the French officials who spent two hours in the vessel to carry out the examination.—Domei.

Hunan Shelling Case Settled, Says Suma

Tokyo, Mar. 11.

Japanese and British authorities had settled the incident arising from the accidental shelling of the B. & S. ss. Hunan by a Japanese war vessel engaged in blockade operations off the coast of Shantung during the recent anti-guerilla campaign in that region, Mr. Yakichiro Suma, director of the Bureau of Information of the Foreign Office said here today.

The incident occurred off Chefoo on February 27. The British consuls at Chefoo and at Tsingtao expressed their satisfaction over the settlement, Mr. Suma added.—Domei.

Moslem Faith in Japan Spreads

Yemen Leader Pleased At Growth of Mohammedanism In Island Empire

Tokyo, Mar. 11.

With three mosques built in the last four years, a rapid growth of the Mohammedan religion was noted here today by Sayed Hussein Al Kibsy, Minister for Religion in Yemen, now on his second visit to Japan. The number of those professing Islam in Japan, he estimated, reached "hundreds, maybe a thousand."

Sayed Hussein came to Japan in May, 1938, accompanying Prince Seif El Islam El Hussein, third son of Yemen's King Yahya Muhammad Hamid Ul Din, for the opening of Tokyo's first mosque.

Not Commercial Mission

"It has been reported in error that the chief purpose of my visit to Japan is to conclude a commercial treaty," he remarked in an interview today. Closer friendship and goodwill between Japan and Yemen, he stated, would be of great spiritual and cultural benefit to both countries.

"Islam is a tremendously vital religion, which can be naturally associated with Shintoism. Even the simple study of our religion and of Moslem culture is worthwhile," he stated.

Of the three mosques in Japan, that in Tokyo, which covers 951 square metres is the largest. Modelled after the Great Mosque at Mecca, the graceful edifice here is topped by a minaret and a rounded dome. Inside is an enormous rug for worship occupying the whole central portion of the mosque.—Domei.

OBITUARY

Sir Harry Robert Boyd

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

London, Mar. 11.

Sir Harry Robert Boyd, the Ceremonial Secretary of the Home Office, since 1925, has died.

Sir Harry, was 64 years of age, was engaged in business in Shanghai during the years 1899 to 1911. He received the China Medal in 1900.

Attached to the Ministry of Finance in Peiping in 1914, he became Assistant Private Secretary to the Under-Secretary of State in 1916, in which post he served until 1917. During the years 1919 to 1925 he was Assistant Secretary to successive Secretaries of State.

He was Joint Secretary of the Silver Jubilee Committee in 1935, and in 1936 and 1937, a Member of the Coronation Executive Committee.—Reuter.

Soviet-Tokyo Talk Rumoured

Reported Negotiations Over Agreement; Some Mutual Concessions Envisaged

Paris, Mar. 11.

Russia and Japan are negotiating a non-aggression pact in Moscow which would have sweeping consequences in the Far East and possibly a decisive effect on the outcome of the Sino-Japanese war, according to the French reports said to have been received here last night from Tokyo via Shanghai.

Japan was said to be demanding that Russia discontinue her aid to the Chungking Government and the Chinese Communists in the Sino-Japanese War. Japan also was said to have offered to recognize Russia's influence in Chinese Turkestan in return for Russian recognition of Manchoukuo.

Reported Proposals

The reports, which lack official confirmation, said that Russia was demanding that Japan recognize Soviet authority over Outer Mongolia and the partition of Poland. Japan also is being asked to agree to the demilitarization of northern Manchoukuo and to surrender control of the Manchuli Railway up to Harbin, the reports said. Japan is said to have rejected the railway proposal.

On the economic side of current Russo-Japanese negotiations in Moscow, Japan was said to have offered Russia sausage casings, fruits, soya beans, magnesia and sulphur in exchange for oil, coal and manganese.

Russia was said to be offering fish, sugar and salt, but demanding new iron deliveries.—United Press.

Japan Sees New Threat

Tokyo, Mar. 11.

Reviving Japanese fears of a sudden Russian move in the Far East were expressed here in the Japanese press today.

The "Hochi Shimbun" said that since the Nomonhan truce the Soviet Union had been fortifying the Kamchatka area and pushing to completion the northern Siberia communications route linking Europe with Asia.

The purpose of these activities, the paper said, was to "gain control for Russia over the north Pacific and threaten Japan."

Japan's fishing rights and exploitation rights in Saghalien are again being violated by the Soviet Union, the paper said.

"The completion of the Arctic route," the paper warned, "is certain to make the Russians more arrogant in their future dealings with Japan. This also clears up the nature of Soviet policy toward Japan."

Mr. Suma Denies Past Report

The Japanese Foreign Office today denied reports that Japan is seeking to negotiate a nonaggression pact with the Soviet Union. "For the money," said the Foreign Office spokesman Mr. Y. Suma, "a non-aggression pact is not a part of our programme."

Simultaneous with an optimistic view of Russo-Japanese relations expressed by Mr. Suma today the Japanese press gave prominence to reports from Vladivostok asserting that the Russians were "manifesting an unfriendly attitude" toward Japan.

The Russians were reported to have withdrawn from auction six additional fishing lots which previously had been available to Japanese fishermen.

Mr. Suma said today that considerable progress toward the settlement of all Russo-Japanese problems was being made, although he added that "no definite concrete results" had been obtained up the present.

Mr. Suma said that an improvement in general relations between the two countries had been noted in Tokyo. This sentiment covered present negotiations on the Manchoukuo boundary, fisheries, oil and coal problems, he said.

The settlement of those issues between Japan and Russia, Mr. Suma predicted, would satisfy Japanese proponents of a Russo-Japanese non-aggression pact because it would remove all points of friction between the two countries.

Mr. Suma made the following points in analyzing Russo-Japanese relations:

1. Progress has been reported in Moscow negotiations for a Russo-Japanese trade agreement. These negotiations are still continuing.

2. Russia has accepted Japan's draft agreement providing for two commissions to settle the Manchoukuo boundary issue and other Russo-Japanese land disputes. Discussions on these questions are continuing and a treaty covering both phases is likely to be concluded.

3. Japan expects to begin talks with Russia soon for a relatively permanent fisheries agreement.

4. Japan expects an early settlement of the Saghalien oil and coal rights disputes, thereby enabling Japan to obtain considerable petroleum supplies from Saghalien this summer.

"There is a general improvement in relations," Mr. Suma said, "although it must be emphasized that at present definite and concrete results have not been obtained."—United Press.

Hopes for Trade Pact With U.S. Held

Situation in East Asia Not Impossible

Tokyo, Mar. 11.

Another invitation to the United States to conclude a new trade agreement with Japan was extended here today by the spokesman of the Japanese Foreign Office, Mr. Yakichiro Suma.

Discussing Japanese-American relations, Mr. Suma said that Japan at present was concentrating on cleaning up pending issues between the two countries. He said that Foreign Office experts had been sent to China, including Shanghai, to speed up settlement of American claim cases.

"Meanwhile," Mr. Suma said, "trade between Japan and America continues normal, although we naturally are desirous of bringing about some situation under which the restoration of treaty conditions would be possible.

"I believe the fact that new frictions are not arising is a hopeful sign. Therefore we hope that America might initiate fresh discussions for a trade treaty."—United Press.

German Engineers to Exploit Finn Mines

Amsterdam Reports Nickel to Be Produced for Russia

Amsterdam, Mar. 10.

German mining engineers are to exploit the Finnish Petsamo nickel mines on Soviet Russia's behalf and a Soviet-German agreement on this subject is impending, industrial quarters reported today.

German experts in mineral extraction in the Ruhr have received orders to stand ready to leave at any moment for a destination as yet unrevealed. Petsamo was generally believed to be the "unknown destination."

Workers of the Deutsche Nickelwerke Frankenstein Silesie actually received explicit instructions to leave for Petsamo, Ruhr reports stated.

A Soviet trade delegation headed by M. Tevossian is in Berlin today negotiating an agreement on this question and signature of this accord is due shortly, the same reports declared.—Havas.

All Feared Lost on Japan Plane

Air Liner from Formosa Not Traced; Local German Believed on Board

Taihoku, Mar. 11.

Little hope was held here today for the rescue of the passengers and crew of a Japan Airways Company airliner missing since Thursday while on a flight from Giran, on the east coast of Formosa, to Taihoku.

Three days of intensive searching both on the ground and from the air had failed to uncover the wreckage of the missing machine. The searches were continuing.

The airliner took off from Giran at 3.52 o'clock Thursday afternoon for Taihoku with three women, one child and one man, the latter a German national, as its passengers. When it failed to arrive here by 5 o'clock, fears were aroused that it had met with a mishap. The flight between the two points usually requires one hour.

Conditions Unfavourable

When the aeroplane took off from Giran weather conditions were unfavourable, with the sky overcast and visibility poor.

The name of the German passenger, according to official reports here, was "Enno Otto."

The others were Mrs. Tsuyako Bingo, and her eight-month old child. Shizuko Watanabe, and Mrs. Tomiji Imaisato.—Domei.

German circles in Shanghai yesterday suggested that the German passenger of the missing machine may have been Herr Enno Popp, formerly a resident of Canton, who was understood to be in Formosa on his way from Shanghai to Canton.

Spy Suspects Arrested In New York

Flushing, Long Island, Mar. 11.

Police on Saturday arrested two men on "serious espionage charges," it was disclosed last night. The names and nationality of the arrested men were not disclosed. One was said to be a navigating officer. The alleged spying activities of the pair under arrest are understood to have taken place in the vicinity of Flushing.—United Press.

Dr. Schacht Seeks to Buy Rumanian Oilfields

London, Mar. 11.

Dr. Hjalmar Schacht, German Minister without Portfolio, will leave early this week for Rumania to negotiate the purchase of some Rumanian oilfields valued at £2,000,000, the "Daily Herald" learned from its Amsterdam correspondent this morning.—Havas.

Danes Fire on Plane Believed German

Copenhagen, Mar. 11.

Danish anti-aircraft guns opened fire yesterday evening on a plane which flew over Danish territory north of the Dano-German frontier. The aircraft is believed to have been German.—Reuter.

Raw Wool Needs Export Licence in Britain

London, Mar. 10.

As from tomorrow, exporters of raw wool will require licences to send their product abroad, the Board of Trade announced today.—Havas.

British Contraband Control Efficient

German Method Causes Long Delays, Brussels Says

Brussels, Mar. 10.

Considerable improvement in British methods of contraband control at the various stations was reported in Belgian maritime quarters today. They contrasted this continued improvement through the months of war with Germany's extremely slow, trade-paralysing control methods in the Baltic.

One neutral ship carrying lumber from the far north was detained in Lubeck harbour last November. She is still there and control formalities have by no means been concluded as yet.

The severity and slowness of German control have caused irritation in all neutral ports, particularly Antwerp, whose important lumber trade, dependent on transportation through the Baltic, has been paralysed. Antwerp shipping quarters now demand that the Belgian Government should take energetic action to secure better German treatment for neutral ships passing through the Baltic.—Havas.

Foreign Victim Catches Bag Snatchers

Two young bag snatchers were brought before the First Special District Court yesterday on a writ of detention and they will hear their fate next week in connection with a mêlée in Bubbling Well Road on Sunday afternoon when the youths made an attempt to rob a foreign lady of her handbag.

It was stated in Court that a Russian bodyguard fired a shot breaking a show window of Messrs. Arts and Crafts, Ltd. The shot stopped the scuffle between the victim, Mrs. De Trovin Tourovsky and her husband and the two snatchers. The foreign lady grappled with the snatcher after her bag had been stolen. The bag changed hands and the other snatcher ran away.

The husband joined in the chase and the victims caught the snatchers.

Official Statement on Raid on Torpedo Boat

Seaman Thought He Saw Three Men Approach

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

Dublin, Mar. 11.

An official statement has been issued here in connection with the raid on a motor torpedo boat in Kingstow harbour on Saturday.

A seaman of the torpedo boat, it is stated, thought he saw three men approaching the vessel and fired two shots. When the rest of the crew came on deck, according to the statement, they found no traces of the intruders. No importance is attached to the incident.

Earlier reports stated armed men raided the torpedo boat, and threw the man patrolling the deck into the sea, afterwards making good their escape.

The torpedo boat, which had just arrived in harbour from London, was the first of a number ordered for the Eire marine and coast-watching service.—Reuter.

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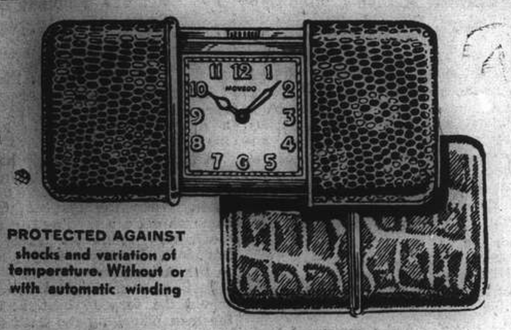

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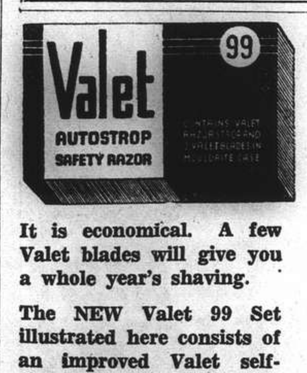

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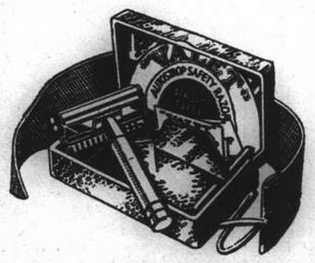

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THE ROAD TO ROME

The visit of Herr von Ribbentrop, German Foreign Minister to Rome, undertaken on the initiative of the Reich, is of particular interest at this juncture. Nothing has as yet been divulged as to the reasons for the trip, but the circumstance in which it is being made, the people it is intended that Herr von Ribbentrop shall see, and the general possibilities of the situation suggest that this particular move may be indicative of Herr Hitler's anxiety as to the immediate future. It is suggested that a new accord with Italy is necessary, or a tightening up of the Rome-Berlin axis, and its possible transformation into a Rome, Berlin, Moscow bloc, or at the least a modification of Italian views regarding the Kremlin, and an understanding with the Pope are some of the objectives which the Reich had in mind in despatching its Foreign Minister for this short visit to Rome. There does not appear to be any suggestion at this time that there is any real desire on the part of the Reich that Italy should actively participate in hostilities, for though Berlin would like to see Italy openly ranged on its side, it realizes that such a move would not be popular with the Italian masses which have always regarded the unnatural understanding between the two countries with at least silent disfavour if not open disgust, and Signor Mussolini is far too clever a statesman to permit himself to be dragged into any adventure of the sort without almost certain prospects of ultimate success. There are at present no such prospects, and consequently, it is somewhat premature to expect him to take part in any such gamble as that upon which Herr Hitler has so rashly embarked. Short of that Herr Hitler would undoubtedly consider his position strengthened if the bonds between himself and Il Duce which have noticeably weakened of recent months, were reinforced by a declaration of mutuality of purpose, which has become all the more necessary because of the success of British and Italian statesmen in coming to an amicable settlement over the question of German sea-borne coal exports to Italy. The very fact that this has been achieved has had a strong and favourable reaction in the capitals of the two countries, and it is only natural to believe that the Reich desire to do something to offset the excellent effect which has been achieved.

An announcement of the establishment of closer ties between the two countries would undoubtedly have a good psychological effect upon the German masses whose rulers have been unable to present them with any successes with which to reward them for the heavy sacrifices demanded of them. Even so minor an achievement as that which is suggested would be better than nothing, as some ray of hope in a scene which can only be viewed gloomily by the ordinary German at home. The suggestion that Herr von Ribbentrop is seeking to bring about a better understanding between Rome and Moscow, and even to bring about the establishment of a tripartite bloc, must not be ignored, even though it does not seem probable of success. The inveterate hatred which Signor Mussolini has against Communism, from which he saved his own country by determined action, is not likely to be changed quickly into either tolerance or even liking. Communism still presents a grave danger to Italy and Italian interests. Ideologically it is so completely opposed to all that Fascism stands for, that it is impossible to reconcile the two even if it is possible to arrange some temporary understanding for immediate purposes. Even that is doubtful, for Signor Mussolini would have no illusions as to the characters of the two governments with whom he would be asked to enter into closer collaboration. While Italy has adhered faithfully to her commitments, she has seen both Germany and Russia break theirs, and Rome may very well ask the question as to what reliance she can be expected to place in the words of rulers who, by their actions, have destroyed any reputation for good faith which they may have possessed. That, and the fact that out of the Rome-Berlin axis the only nation to benefit has been Germany, must surely place Signor Mussolini on his guard against entering into any other commitments which may lead him to having to pull more German nuts out of the fire of Herr Hitler's creation. A closer accord between Rome and Berlin may be possible, but the entry of Rome into a bloc in which the third member would be its greatest ideological enemy seems to be a development which could only be found in a political Wonderland.

And then, what of Herr von Ribbentrop's pilgrimage to Canossa? It would be only a trifle more spectacular if the visit to the Pope had been undertaken by Herr Hitler himself, as Emperor Henry IV humbled himself before Pope Gregory VII. In the light of all that has happened, the persecution of the Roman Catholic Church, the imprisonment of its priests and the spoliation of its property, it may quite rightly be asked why the Reich is making these overtures to the Pope. What is the imperative necessity which has brought about his change of heart? No one will for one moment think it is the repentance of the prodigal son, but is undertaken for the purpose of securing some reconciliation with Holy Church to remedy internal malaise caused by the atrocities which have been perpetrated against the Church and its sons in Germany and Austria. The Pope will doubtless regard these overtures with just the appropriate amount of cynicism which will prevent him being fooled as other leaders have been, and without a doubt he will proceed warily in any negotiations which may be embarked upon for an improvement of relations between the Roman Catholic Church and the Reich. The whole situation suggests that Herr Hitler is about to launch another diplomatic campaign for peace, and that the expected offensive on the Western Front will not materialize until the resources of this attempted new development have been fully employed in an endeavour to extricate the Reich from the morass into which the eccentricities and duplicities of Herr Hitler have led it. The picture presented is not of a leader standing confident of victory, but of a man who is faced with the realization that he has stirred up something much greater than ever he anticipated, and desires at all costs to avoid the just retribution which it is believed, awaits him. That he thinks this himself may be taken for granted, for if Herr Hitler really believed in ultimate victory he would be pushing on towards it with all the military forces at his disposal. He does not believe it. His hesitation of the past to prosecute the war with the energy he has promised his country and the world is clear and positive proof that almost at the twelfth hour he is reluctant to cast the die.

Price Control

The sub-committee, appointed by the Shanghai Municipal Council to advise upon the desirability and practicability of a scheme of price control in the International Settlement along the lines of a plan promulgated by the French Concession authorities, has submitted a preliminary report which the Council has adopted. The three gentlemen constituting that sub-committee are to be congratulated upon the rapidity with which they have reached preliminary conclusions, and the manner in which they have carried out their investigations. In the main their findings agree with the statements made editorially by the "North-China Daily News" on the subject some time ago. It is realized that for its domestic rice, wheat, meat, and fish, and to a lesser extent vegetables, Shanghai has to depend upon an area that has been in military control since August, 1937, and with that finding of fact there is no disagreement. It is also true that it is only of late months that the alarming increases in the prices of such goods coming from the military controlled areas have taken place. The point made in the preliminary report that "so long as the farmers and suppliers are prevented from having a free market for their commodities, the prices of necessaries within the two Foreign Settlements of Shanghai must exceed normal," is well taken, and it is suggested that if indeed Shanghai is being denied of a free market, negotiations should be undertaken with the authority concerned for an improvement of existing conditions and the removal of whatever barriers have been instituted. The Sub-Committee was also satisfied, taking all factors into account that in certain commodities profiteering, hoarding, speculation and manipulation exist, and that unless it is checked the present serious situation may be expected to worsen. The remedies which the sub-committee suggest seem appropriate enough, though the qualification of their recommendation that there should be close co-operation with the French Administration "wherever possible" does not seem sufficiently whole-hearted. It has already been pointed out that only by the completest co-operation can any scheme of control be effective, and unless the Municipal Council and the French Administration can progress in step, neither can hope to bring about any substantial amelioration of the situation. The sub-committee tends to pay too much attention to the Council's powers as possibly acting as a brake upon what has to be done. It should be realized that a situation has been reached in which too much respect for past precedents and limitations, placed upon the Council in times when such emergencies as these were and could not be contemplated, may in itself constitute a danger to the peace and good order of the place. If ever there were a time when the Municipal Council could be expected to act *ultra vires* first and talk about it afterwards, this appears to be it. Responsibility for any trouble that might arise from inaction cannot be absolved by reference to the Land Regulations drafted decades ago when such developments as those of recent years could never have been foreseen. It is but natural then that there should be some disappointment that the recommendations of the sub-committee have not been more thoroughgoing, and it is only to be hoped that, in the carrying out of the recommendations, the Council will be animated with a resolve to see that everything is done to avert the trouble which will inevitably befall Shanghai if interference with its food supply by rapacious speculators is permitted to continue.

The Heinkel Bomber

In aviation vocabulary one of the most widely-known types is the German Heinkel bomber, which is commonly mentioned in attacks on coastal ships and trawlers, and has proved a frequent victim of British coastal defences. A Heinkel bomber was shot down off the north coast of Scotland on Friday and it was the 45th German air raider shot down over or near British territory since the beginning of the war. Officially known as the Heinkel III K. standard long-range bomber, this machine has been used by Germany on many attempted raids. Like most of the bombers of the Luftwaffe, the Heinkel is an "evader" type as opposed to the fighting types developed by the Royal Air Force. Fast, but lightly armed, it relies on clouds and escape tactics for protection when engaged by British aircraft. That is why these details often are mentioned in news despatched regarding Anglo-German air encounters. Favourite tricks of the Heinkel pilot are the steep climb or dive into the clouds, or skimming just above the surface of the sea where the pursuing British fighter is unable to make full use of its superior manœuvrability. Machines of this type brought down in England have revealed details of their construction. Powered with two Junkers or Daimler-Benz engines of about 1,000 h.p., the Heinkel III has a reputed speed of 275 miles an hour. It is armed with three machine guns and carries a crew of four, but it has a range considerably less than the more heavily armed British Wellington bomber. Self-sealing non-metal fuel tanks are fitted but in spite of this precaution these machines continue to be shot down. Whereas a few shots in the tank may not result in a considerable loss of fuel continuous fire from British machines of the Spitfire and Hurricane type, which carry eight guns and are practically flying machine gun sections, has proved their vulnerability and inability to return to their bases as was shown recently when one of these machines was compelled to land in Denmark owing to bullet-ridden tanks.

Russia and the Far East

How far reports of Russian intentions to "start something" in the Far East can be relied upon remains to be seen. The Japanese army obviously expects some move or other in the near future, if the reports of fortifications being rushed on the northern Manchoukuo borders can be trusted. On the top of these come the reports from Paris of negotiations between Japan and Soviet Russia, by which the former will agree to Russian penetration in Chinese Turkestan or Sinkiang, while Russia will recognize Manchoukuo and at the same time cease to give assistance to the Chungking Government and the Chinese communists. Certain other reports, that Russia is constructing elaborate fortifications in Kamchatka and is working overtime in improving the communications system of Siberia are capable of more than one interpretation. It may well be that the Soviets have been attempting to improve the facilities of the trans-Siberian Railway not so much to ensure adequate transport to the Far East in the event of trouble with Japan, as to fulfil various pledges made to Herr Hitler and his satellites as to the supply of vital war materials to the Reich, which is cut off from them by the blockade of the Allies in the West. While speculation on what might happen in the not too distant future in the Far East is unprofitable, it may be well to review the facts of the situation. Russian penetration into Sinkiang is apparently much less than previous reports stated; Sir Stafford Cripps saw no signs of it; and other observers believe that the penetration is more cultural than economic or political. It would also seem to be beyond dispute that Russia is at present too deeply engaged in the Finnish venture and with the possibilities of Russo-German expansion in South-eastern Europe to engage in any new enterprises in the Far East, the outcome of which could only be doubtful and the gains from which would at best be speculative. Negotiations between Japan and Russia are still going on over trade questions and fishery rights, in attempts to decide the many differences between the two nations on a more permanent basis than at present. There is little in these differences which cannot be settled round a conference table, and there appears to be no adequate reason why fears of armed hostilities should be aroused.

PRISONS IN NEW WORLD

United States in the Van of Reform

Prison numbers still run high throughout the United States, writes Alexander Paterson, H.M. Commissioner of Prisons. It had been hoped that with the disappearance of Prohibition there would be a substantial reduction, but unhappily the enacting of other new laws has produced a corresponding number of new offenders. In States where a succession of politicians dictate no certain policy mammoth prisons and reformatories are still being built, and the individual offender is one of a sullen horde in striped cotton suiting. But the Federal service and progressive States that have extricated themselves from the stranglehold of politics are building smaller prisons, to contain but five or six hundred men. Their construction is fearless in its freedom, breaking away from the conception of a barrack or a fortress to that of a college or a monastery. Cell doors in many places are not locked at night. The men have an unlocked look upon their faces.

The new prisons at Lewisburg and Wallkill challenge the old assumption that prisons and beauty are contradictory terms. The dining-halls and libraries are in colour and construction as beautiful as those of Oxford and Cambridge. Cloisters with Gothic arches surround the grassy quadrangle. The Platonic theory has been carried a stage farther by these bold builders. Not only the guardians but the enemies of the State are to have more beautiful ideas, because they are being trained among beautiful things. It sounds rather idyllic when applied to thug and gangster. Yet there is a very obvious difference in conduct and demeanour from that observed in those great jails of frozen ugliness conceived in the last century. This impression is confirmed by the separate statements of American and English prisoners, who say that the common talk is not always of sex and crime, that lockers need not always be locked, that the air tastes cleaner than in the other jails they have known.

Treatment of Federal Prisoners

The Federal prison service, led for many years by Sanford Bates, is in the forefront of advance. Responsible for a daily average population of 55,000 prisoners, it has faced a gigantic task with vision and determination. Bribery and beating have alike been driven out of all its establishments. Today no Federal prison officer will either touch a prisoner or traffic with him. The penalty would be instant dismissal from the service. Corporal punishment does not exist in any form, and the bread-and-water diet has been abolished and an uninteresting ration of "hash" put in its place, which is neither degrading nor uplifting.

Even in the darkest aspects of American prisons a steady progress towards the light can be dimly discerned. The county jails, to which nearly all Federal and State prisoners must go until they are tried, and in which they must ordinarily remain, if their sentence is for less than a year, are still in too many places a scandal to civilization. Many of them have not, save in the separation of the sexes and the exclusion of children, advanced beyond those sordid conditions of corruption and depravity familiar to the readers of "Little Dorrit" and "The Pickwick Papers."

The main reason for the continuance of the worst of them is a financial one. Whereas in 1877 the county authorities of England were ready to transfer the care of their local prisoners to the State authority, in order to be absolved from the cost of their maintenance, the contrary position obtains in many parts of the United States. The sheriff, appointed by his political party for a brief period of years, anxious to reap quickly the fruits of office, finds that county, State and Federal authorities alike pay him for the custody and maintenance of their respective charges in his county jail. He is naturally unwilling to dispose of an hotel which is always full and incurs no bad debts. Public opinion is, however, rising against this slur on common sense and common justice.

The chain gangs of the Southern States have become notorious through the sadistic exaggerations of the cinema. They lurk in the shadow, while the Federal system and the Eastern States are in the forefront of penal progress. These prison gangs are no longer hired to the farmer or contractor, to be worked as hard as he shall wish and under such conditions as he shall determine. They are only employed by the State on works of public utility, and it is for the elected representatives of the State to decide how they shall be treated.

IN PARENTHESIS

Echo

TOMMY: "What's an echo, Pa?"

Pa: "An echo, my son, is the only thing that can deprive a woman of the last word."

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Strange

As I was going up the stair
I met a man who wasn't there,
Which was a great surprise to neither,
For I myself was not there either.

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Savings

"ARE you there? Is that you, Fred, darling. I'm sorry I was horrid last week. I——"

"Oh, that's all right, I saved ten shillings while we weren't on speaking terms."

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Windows

THE house agent was dealing with the prospective purchaser of an old house in the country and was extolling its virtues of modern sanitation coupled with old world charm.

"There are two very old stained-glass windows in the hall, madam," he added.

"Well, you can either put in new ones or have them cleaned," demanded the lady.

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Too Many

A YOUNG man ordered two dozen roses to be sent to his fiancée, aged 24, and wrote on the card that was to go with them, "A rose for every year of your precious life."

"Throw in eight or ten more," said the florist: "he's a good customer."

The assistant did as he was told. So far the marriage hasn't taken place!

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Act of Aggression

ALTHOUGH they won't have me in E.N.S.A.
My figure and voice are immense-a.
No Bren gun they fire
Can get any higher
Than the top of my lowest cadenza.
Tra-la-la, tra-la-la.
The troops all go out to the bar.

I sing at the Front to the boys-a.
To hear me is one of their joys-a.
They go back to fight
With a smile of delight—
So glad to get out of the noise-a.
Tra-la-la, tra-la-lee—
They'd rather face Hitler than me.

I'm told my andante sforzando
Is loved by the Higher Command-o.
I sing nothing naughty
But my double forte
Is louder than any brass-band-o,
Tra-la-la, tra-la-lay—
The echoes go on all next day.

I squeal con amore, con gusto,
They say that my trills raise the dust-o.
I don't mind their wit
For I'm doing my bit—
And I'll sing till I'm bombed or
I bust-o!

—Bee in the "Daily Mail."

Allies Ready to Send Utmost Aid to Finns

Commons Declaration; Britain Refused to Pass Harsh Soviet Peace Terms to Helsinki; Sweden Urged Acceptance; Final Decision Imminent

London, Mar. 11.

THE British and French Governments had already informed the Finnish Government that they were prepared, in response to appeals from it for further aid, to proceed immediately and jointly to help Finland by using all available resources at their disposal, announced the Prime Minister, Mr. Neville Chamberlain, in the House of Commons today in reply to Mr. C. R. Attlee, Leader of the Opposition, who asked whether the Prime Minister had any statement to make regarding the negotiations between Finland and the Soviet Union.

Mr. Chamberlain added that the House would be aware that both the French and British Governments had sent, and were continuing to send, material assistance to Finland. This had been of considerable value to the Finnish forces. The Prime Minister said he had no information which was sufficiently reliable to give the House at the present moment regarding the question of a settlement of the Russo-Finnish dispute.

Replying to a supplementary question, Mr. Chamberlain said it would be untrue to say that the British Government had been asked to mediate, but there was an occasion on which M. Ivan Maisky (the Soviet Ambassador) mentioned certain terms which the Russian Government was prepared to offer Finland, and the British Government did not feel able to pass these terms on to Finland.

The Prime Minister told Mr. Attlee that any aid sent to Finland would be "in accordance with our obligations under the League Covenant. As to co-operation with other states, I have already mentioned France in association with ourselves. Of course, I cannot say what other states might feel bound to do."

Mr. David Kirkwood, Labour member for Dumbarton Burghs, asked: "Is not this tantamount to our going to war with Russia?"

Mr. Chamberlain! "It has not gone as far as that yet."

Asked if the Government was prepared to send troops to Finland and, if so, if it was prepared to violate the neutrality of Norway in doing so, Mr. Chamberlain said he could not add anything to the statement he had made.

Downing Street Statement

A statement, issued from No. 10 Downing Street today, says: "As there appears to be a misunderstanding about a reply given by the Prime Minister to a private notice question addressed to him by Mr. C. R. Attlee in the House of Commons on the subject of Allied aid for Finland, the Prime Minister desires to make it clear that no appeal for further aid has yet been received from the Finnish Government."

Reuter's Lobby correspondent states the interpretation to be placed upon the Prime Minister's statement is that British and French help will be forthcoming if it is asked for.

Terms Found Too Harsh

Soviet Russia's peace terms for termination of the Finnish war were first revealed on February 22, the day on which M. Ivan Maisky, Soviet Ambassador here, saw Mr. R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Agairs, and Moscow made an approach to the Swedes, Reuter learns. M. Maisky is said to have submitted terms similar to those put forward by the Soviets to the Swedes, and asked Britain to pass them on to Finland.

The terms are stated to have involved the cession of all territory covering Lake Ladoga, including Viipuri and other towns, the whole Karelian Isthmus, all islands in the Gulf of Finland now occupied by Soviet forces, and the western half of Rivachi Peninsula; and the lease of Hango as a Russian naval base not merely for the period of the European war, as reported, but for a long period of years. In the opinion of the British Government, these terms were of such an extremely over-reaching character as to leave Finland in a completely desperate and hopeless plight. The British Government, accordingly, declined to pass them on.

A few days later, however, the British Government informed the Finns of the Soviet approach without disclosing the terms, although it

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Helsinki Declares Views on Peace

Delegates in Moscow Cannot Decide Issue; Liberties Essential

Helsinki, Mar. 11.

It is understood that the Finnish delegation now at Moscow has no power to make decisions. The final proposals, when received, must be submitted to the Diet, it is stated.

That the Soviet Government consented to discuss with a delegation in which Field Marshal Mannerhiem, Commander-in-Chief of the Finnish Forces was represented by his trusted collaborator, General Walden, is considered a good sign.

Official silence on the Soviet-Finnish peace talks was broken by a communique issued here last night. This announcement stated that some days ago the Soviet and Finnish Governments entered into contact through an intermediary of the Swedish Government, with the object of examining the possibilities of securing peace.

"The utility of direct conversations was recognized by both sides," the communique stated.

"The Soviet Government, having invited representatives of the Finnish Government to proceed to Moscow to undertake discussions, a delegation, consisting of M. Risto Ryti (Prime Minister) M. Juho Paasikivi (Minister without portfolio) General Walden and Deputy Voionmaa left for Moscow on Wednesday evening.

"The delegation had two or three interviews with representatives of the Soviet Government. On these occasions the Finnish representatives took note of the Soviet peace conditions.

No Decision Yet Taken

"No decision has so far been taken," it was added.

Well-informed Finnish circles describe the Finnish Government's attitude as follows: "Finland asserts she is always ready to negotiate a reasonable peace that does not affect her independence, but will fight on if unacceptable and dishonourable conditions are proposed, and will fight to the limit of her power.

"Finland wants to live a peaceful life in peaceful conditions, but the duty of the nation is to make a decision taking into account the assistance offered from abroad. When a nation is in danger and fighting for existence, it must, above all, remain faithful to itself by not becoming the object of bargaining for the benefit of foreign countries. It is for Finland to decide what she will accept, with sacrifices. Her judgment must be based on her own interest alone."

It is believed here that the Soviet-Finnish talks will end shortly, and that the results will be made known immediately afterwards.—Reuter.

Swedish Rikstag Hold Secret Session

Stockholm, Mar. 11.

The Foreign Affairs Committee of the Rikstag (Parliament) began a secret session at 11.30 a.m. today, reliable Swedish sources revealed.

The meeting was reported to have been called to discuss the possibility of giving Finland a binding guarantee that in future Sweden would come to her aid if Finland agrees to the Soviet terms now. This guarantee would be given to prevent future Soviet attempts to crush Finnish integrity, Swedish sources said.—United Press.

Indian States Want Safeguards

Sovereignty of Each Must Be Recognized

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

New Delhi, Mar. 11.

While "the attainment by India of her due place among the Dominions" is welcomed in the draft of a resolution approved by a conference between Princes and Ministers here, the need is surged for provision, in any future constitution, of safeguards and guarantees for the preservation of the sovereignty and autonomy of the States.

The resolution will be moved by the Jam Sahib of Nawanagar, at a session of the Princes tomorrow.

It declares that no unit should be placed in a position to dominate others or interfere with the rights and safeguards guaranteed to them.

The resolution adds that any constitutional scheme involving the transference of relationship of states with the Crown to any other authority, without the states' voluntary agreement, or permitting alterations affecting the interests of states without their consent, cannot be acceptable to them. —Reuter.

Mysterious Motorboat Seen in Hongkong

Guards Fire on Unknown Vessel in Harbour

Hongkong, Mar. 11.

Shots were fired at a mysterious motorboat by the guard near Kowloon Naval Yard, in a strange night incident, it is learned here.

The motorboat appeared near the Yard, and was making its way towards an oil tanker when it was observed by the guard, who challenged the craft.

Without slackening speed, the motorboat continued towards the tanker, and the guard fired three shots. The last shot hit the motorboat's bow light.

The boat, which was of a fast type and painted a dark colour, then turned away and disappeared into the night. —Reuter.

Italian King Receives Nazi Statesman

Pope Pius Gives Private Hearing After Audience To Herr von Ribbentrop

Vatican City, Mar. 11.

The German Foreign Minister, Herr Joachim von Ribbentrop, arrived here shortly before 11 o'clock this morning for an audience with the Pope. He was received with traditional ceremony, and was taken to the Pope's private library for his interview.

The talk lasted just over an hour, after which the German Minister visited the Papal Secretary of State, Cardinal Maglione.

As the Pope speaks perfect German, no interpreter was present. Contrary to custom, the Papal car which took Herr von Ribbentrop to the Vatican did not fly the visitor's national flag—the Swastika.

The German Foreign Minister will see the Italian Foreign Minister, Count Ciano, this afternoon, after which he will be received again by Signor Mussolini. He is due to leave on his return to Berlin at 9.30 tonight.—Reuter.

Plan to Be Offered Mr. Welles

Copenhagen, Mar. 11.

Herr Joachim von Ribbentrop, German Foreign Minister; Signor Benito Mussolini and Count Galeazzo Ciano, Italian Foreign Minister, are working on a "peace plan" which will be handed to Mr. Sumner Welles, American peace envoy, when he stops at Rome on his way back to the United States, according to a press report here quoting a message from Budapest.

The source of the Budapest report is described as "Hungarian political circles in close contact with Count Ciano."—Reuter.

Italian King Receives Nazi Statesman

Rome, Mar. 11.

Herr Joachim von Ribbentrop, the German Foreign Minister, was granted an audience by King Victor-Emmanuel at 9 a.m. today.

The announcement that King Victor-Emmanuel received Herr von Ribbentrop caused great surprise in Rome as it was not in the programme. Particular significance is attached to this morning's audience. Some quarters see in it a gesture to reveal perfect community of views views between the Crown and the Government on the international situation.

Count Galeazzo Ciano, the Italian Foreign Minister, offered a dinner at his residence last night in honour of Herr von Ribbentrop. Present at the function were Signor Pavolini, Minister of Public Information; Prince Colonna, Governor of Rome; Dr. Karl Claudius, head of the Wilhelmstrasse Economic Department, and several other well known Italian and German personalities.

The German Foreign Minister yesterday went for a car ride in the Italian countryside just outside Rome. He was accompanied by the Prince of Hesse, who often served as Herr Adolf Hitler's confidential envoy and only a few days ago arrived for duty with the German Embassy here.

Herr von Ribbentrop conferred with the German Ambassador, Dr. Hans Georg von Mackensen, later in the day.

He came here wholly on the German Government's initiative, political observers stated, and seemingly is trying to rally Italy to the Reich's view on the Finnish conflict and other international problems.

Berlin Seeks Accord

Germany feels, the same quarters stated, that the time has come for a demonstration of link-tightening between the Reich and Italy and the signature of a new accord is one of the Reich's aims. Such an accord would settle the two Powers' positions in various eventualities such as the extension of the European conflict to Scandinavia, the Balkans, the Near East or the Middle East.

New economic conventions may also be negotiated, observers declared, for Germany feels that some reply is necessary to the ever-closer Allied blockade.

Herr von Ribbentrop no doubt also is endeavouring to lessen the tension between Rome and Moscow and to have Italo-Soviet trade exchanges resumed to give the U.S.S.R. a trade route to Germany through the Black Sea and Mediterranean.

Commenting on Italy's stand in this situation, most political observers said they believed the Italian Government would continue to follow a policy of caring for its national interests above all things. Nothing has occurred, they said, to cause Italy to alter her avowed policy of neutrality.—Havas.

Hongkong Editor Dies

London, Mar. 11.

Mr. Thomas Petrie, former editor of the "South China Morning Post" in Hongkong, died here today at the age of 67.—Reuter.

Reds Ignore Peace Talks and Intensify Attacks Near Viipuri, Kollanjoki

Finns Repulse Russians and Inflict Heavy Losses on Invaders; Desperate Fighting

Helsinki, Mar. 11.

Despite the peace negotiations, Russian forces pressed the Finns hard throughout the week-end, making furious attacks in many parts.

Soviet troops are desperately fighting to extend the foothold they have secured on the coast west of Viipuri, but according to last night's Finnish communique, all attempts to extend this front have so far been broken. Fresh waves of troops, which tried to advance over the ice with sledges, were decimated by intensive Finnish air bombing it is claimed.

North-east of Lake Ladoga, the Russians launched an attack along the shore near Uoma, and there was heavy fighting at Kollanjoki, where the Finns claim to have killed 2,000 Russians two days ago. All attacks on this front were repulsed.—Reuter.

Moscow, Mar. 11.

The capture of Varjesaari Island in Viipuri Bay, and Vupratsu Island in Lake Ladoga, is claimed in this morning's official communique. A town in northern Nisalahti, on the western shore of the Bay of Viipuri is also claimed to have been taken.

The capture of the towns of Karppila and Ruhela on the west coast of Viipuri Bay, and of two islands in the bay is claimed in a communique issued here last night. It is also stated that Repola, north-east of Viipuri, was taken.—Reuter.

Raid Alarms in Helsinki

Stockholm, Mar. 11.

There were two air raid alarms sounded in Helsinki this morning but no details were available, telephonic messages from the Finnish capital said. The first alarm sounded at 8 a.m., when planes were sighted, and the next alarm at 11.15 a.m.—United Press.

French Troops Out of the Line for a Rest

"Somewhere in France" these French troops, glad at the respite, are leaving the Maginot line for a brief rest after manning the fortifications for many weeks.

Mr. Welles Clarifies Purpose Of Mission in Europe

President Roosevelt Alone to Learn Report; British Press Stresses Allied Determination

London, Mar. 11.

"I HAVE no proposals to make and no commitments to offer in the name of my Government," declared Mr. Sumner Welles, American Under-Secretary of State, when he received the press at noon at the American Embassy. The envoy smiled at his own reticence when answering questions fired at him by over 100 journalists. Mr. Welles emphasized that he was in Europe on a fact-finding tour in order to report to President Roosevelt, and any views which had been given to him by members of the governments he had seen were absolutely confidential, and solely for President Roosevelt.

Asked if there was any truth in the report that he had said, while in Paris, that the Allies would have some trouble in beating Germany, the American envoy declared: "I say with emphasis that at no point of the tour have I expressed any personal views to friends or to individuals who are not friends." He said it would be entirely up to President Roosevelt whether his report would be published.

Mr. Welles stated that he planned to leave London on Thursday to go to Rome via Paris, have second meetings with Count Ciano, Italian Foreign Minister, and Signor Mussolini, and sail from Naples on March 18 or 19. He added that the memorandum on America's economic policy, which he presented to the French Finance Minister, M. Paul Reynaud, had also been presented by him to the other governments he had visited.

Mr. Welles will see the Foreign Secretary, Lord Halifax, this afternoon, and afterwards he will be received by the King. Early in the afternoon he will see the Prime Minister, Mr. Neville Chamberlain, and tonight he will dine with Lord Halifax.

Nationalist members of the Northern Ireland Parliament have asked the American Embassy in London to secure them an interview with Mr. Sumner Welles, United States Under-Secretary of State, who is now visiting London. They wish to bring to his notice the political conditions of Ulster.

They have received a reply stating that their inquiry will be brought to Mr. Welles's attention, but that it is impossible to say if he will see them, as it is not known how long he will stay in London.

British Press Welcome

A warm welcome has been given to Mr. Sumner Welles by the newspapers.

The "Daily Telegraph" says that he was assured before he came that the British Government would take him fully into their confidence, and that he can have no doubt as to his welcome in this country.

According to "The Times," Mr. Welles could not have arrived at a better moment for seeing what the complexities of European politics look like from the standpoint of London. The air, through which he flew from Paris on a fact-finding mission, to become our welcome guest, can never have been more full of rumours, reports, as well as authenticated news, the newspaper adds.

Britain welcomes Mr. Sumner Welles; he is among our friends and sympathisers, states the "Daily Mail." There is in Europe so much to observe, and so little to profit at the moment from observing.

Patched-Up Peace Unwanted

The "Daily Express" says that Britain is glad to see Mr. Welles, and that he will be given every facility while he is here.

The Diplomatic correspondent of "The Times" states that it is clear that the Germans are using the visit of Mr. Sumner Welles, in an attempt to weaken the Allied resolution, by talk of a patched-up peace. In almost every country they are saying privately that they are willing to establish, in vaguely defined and diminished territories, a puppet Poland or Czechoslovakia, sufficient (they say) to satisfy the British and French Governments. Could there not be greater effrontery or calumny, he asks.

The Allied Governments have pledged, as Mr. Sumner Welles will be told, to end the recurring menace of German aggression, and to restore full freedom, and full security to the Poles and Czechs, the correspondent concludes.—Reuter.

New U.S. Initiative Again Possible

President Roosevelt May Make Another Peace Move; Washington Watchful

London, Mar. 11.

The belief that President Roosevelt may be planning a "sudden, dramatic peace move" in Europe was increasing in British circles here yesterday as Mr. Sumner Welles, American Under-Secretary of State, began his conferences with British leaders.

Mr. Welles will be received today by King George, Mr. Neville Chamberlain, the Prime Minister, and Viscount Halifax, the Foreign Minister.

He is expected to find Britain determined to fight until Hitlerism is crushed or the Nazi regime in Germany is forced to step down. Mr. Welles also is expected to be told that the United States should not ask to participate in the European peace conference, when it comes, as America is not participating in the hostilities. British officials, however, probably will welcome America as a partner in post-war economic and financial reconstruction, informed quarters predicted.—United Press.

Washington Pessimistic

Washington, Mar. 11.

Most Congressional leaders believed last night that prospects for peace in Europe are extremely dim and voiced their opposition to any move by the United States to seek a truce in the European war.

The State Department declined to comment last night on the proposal of Senator Key Pittman, chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, who called for a thirty-day truce in Europe during which a basis for peace could be sought.

The Administration, however, was believed to be watching national and international reaction to Senator Pittman's proposal as an indication of world sentiment toward possible American mediation efforts. Some quarters here discussed the possibility of a peace effort by the Pan-American republics but they believed the present time was unsuitably for such a move.

Meanwhile, the State Department announced that the American Ambassador to Moscow, Mr. Laurence Steinhardt, had "nothing to do" with the Russo-Finnish peace negotiations in Moscow.—United Press.

Allies to Purchase U.S. Army's Latest Planes

Curtiss P 40 Type Capable Of 400 Miles an Hour

New York, Mar. 11.

The Army and Navy Munitions Export Board have decided to allow the sale to the Allies of the Curtiss P 40 type of aeroplane, according to the Washington correspondent of the "New York Herald Tribune."

The Curtiss P 40 is the United States Army's most recent and fastest pursuit plane. It is capable of flying at 400 miles an hour.

The Board is said to have refused to permit the sale of the Bell Air Cobra type of plane.—Reuter.

Burmese Chiefs Aid War Fund

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

Rangoon, Mar. 11.

The Federal Council of Shan chiefs has contributed £40,000 towards the cost of the war. Individual contributions from states raised the total to £60,000.—Reuter.

Five Killed in Mine Accident in England

London, Mar. 11.

Five persons were killed and more than 20 seriously injured at Moston Colliery, in Manchester, today when a number of waggons used for carrying miners to the coal face got out of control and crashed down a 600-foot incline.—Reuter.

Price Control Plan Before S.M.C.

"No Free Market Exists For Hinterland Products;" Co-operation with F.M.C.

The Sub-Committee composed of Messrs, F. Hoehnke (Chairman), J. Fistere, and W. Mellor, appointed by the Shanghai Municipal Council to advise as to the desirability and practicability of a scheme of price control in the Settlement along the lines of the scheme promulgated by the French Concession authorities has submitted a preliminary report to the Council, by whom the report has been adopted.

Dealing with the desirability of the scheme, the report stated that the Committee was satisfied that the fundamental cause for high prices to be recognized (especially so far as domestic rice, wheat, meat and fish were concerned and to a lesser extent vegetables) was the fact that this area has been in the grip of a conflict since August, 1937, and that the terrain from which Shanghai has been accustomed to rely for its supplies is under military control. So long as the farmers and suppliers are prevented from having a free market for their commodities, prices of necessaries within the two foreign Settlements of Shanghai must exceed normal.

The Committee, however, noted with satisfaction that the Authorities concerned appreciate the prevailing state of affairs, and are instituting measures to improve the situation.

Profiteering and Like Evils

The Committee was also satisfied (taking into consideration the fall in the exchange value of the Chinese dollar and increased freight and other charges) that in certain commodities profiteering, hoarding, speculation and manipulation exist, and was of the opinion that unless measures are taken to institute some form of control in the Settlement a worsening of an already serious situation is likely to eventuate.

The Committee felt that wherever possible, close co-operation with the French Administration (a policy hitherto followed by the Council) should be adopted, thus securing uniformity and avoiding complications in measures of control. It was necessary in the public welfare to establish equitable prices to be charged to retail customers and these should be arrived at and published after due investigation of trading and other problems involved.

"Certain Measures" Wanted

In their consideration of the steps to be adopted, the Committee examined the Council's powers and, after taking note of the factors involved, advocated adoption of certain measures as suitable preliminary means towards dealing with a difficult and complicated problem. It was intimated by members of the Committee that they hoped to submit further findings to the Council at a later date.

In conclusion, the Committee stated it was aware that the Council had no desire to interfere with the normal course of business or to restrict fair and legitimate profits arising therefrom. Present conditions were such, however, taking into consideration the abnormal increase in the population, that in the interests of peace and good order in the Settlement the measures of amelioration recommended to the Council should forthwith be undertaken.

Commons Cheer Announcement Of Coal Dispute Ending

Mr. Chamberlain Says Way Open for Resumption Of Trade Negotiations With Italian Government

London, Mar. 11.

"IT may be hoped that the way now has been opened for resumption of negotiations between our two countries for furtherance of trade to our mutual advantage," declared the Prime Minister, Mr. Neville Chamberlain, in a statement in the House of Commons today on the release of Italian coal ships. Cheers followed the statement. The Prime Minister said he was glad to state that on March 9 an agreement was reached with the Italian Government on the question of imports of German coal into Italy.

It now appeared, he said, that instructions issued by the Italian authorities for some vessels in question to sail after March 1, in spite of the British announcement that after this date control would be exercised, were based on a misunderstanding. Recognizing this misunderstanding, the British Government agreed to release the ships which had been detained with full cargoes.

On the other hand, Italian coal ships now in port would leave in ballast, and no further Italian steamers would be sent to those ports to load coal.

"I have no doubt," the Prime Minister stated, "that there will be genuine satisfaction in this country (cheers) over this solution of what might have been a troublesome dispute by the application to the problem of commonsense and good will (cheers).

"It may be hoped that the way now has been opened for resumption of negotiations between our two countries for furtherance of trade to our mutual advantage" (cheers).

Mr. William James Thorne, Labour member for the Plaistow Division of West Ham, asked whether the British Government had been able to arrange for supplies of more coal to Italy now.

He had no doubt that would be a subject for further discussion, Mr. Chamberlain replied.—Reuter.

Three Colliers Leave Downs

London, Mar. 10.

While three coal-laden Italian colliers left the Downs contraband control station today, resuming their trip from Rotterdam to Italian ports in accordance with the Anglo-Italian accord reached yesterday, six other Italian ships put in.

The three departures were the Pamia, Integritas and Ernesto. The Nita, Edera and Santa Maria, loaded with coal, were three of the ships to arrive at the control station. Three others were travelling with only ballast cargo.

Sixteen Italian ships remained in British control ports today, taking into account the movements listed above. —Havas.

Relief Felt in Italy

Rome, Mar. 11.

The British decision to release the thirteen Italian colliers, carrying cargoes of German coal, is published here under four column headliness in all papers.

Although the public undoubtedly expected some such friendly solution, its actual announcement came as a relief to all. The only press comment so far is by the Popolo di Roma, which says: "It is an act of goodwill. Now there only remains the question of principle."—Reuter.

Italy to Buy British Coal

London, Mar. 11.

A verbal agreement has been reached between Britain and Italy under which Britain's coal exports to Italy, estimated at more than 12,000,000 tons annually, will probably be more than doubled, it was learned today.

The agreement was reached following a series of talks both here and in Rome. Hitherto coal has represented 46 per cent. of Britain's total exports to Italy.

The British Prime Minister, Mr. Neville Chamberlain, will reveal in the House of Commons this week how Italy will pay for additional coal imports from Britain. Italy, it is believed, will pay by increasing her exports of agricultural goods and machinery to Britain.

British quarters disclosed today that the release of the thirteen Italian coal ships seized by the British Navy last week had followed receipt of information that all cargo carried by them had been paid for by Italy. Italy was under a misapprehension as to the time limit which the British Government had placed on German coal shipments to Italy by sea, according to the same information. As proof of this misunderstanding, Italy was said to have pointed out that the ships sailed from Amsterdam "into the jaws of the British contraband control" under the assumption that they were immune from seizure.—United Press.

Allied Diplomatic Victory

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

New York, Mar. 11.

"Britain's decision to release the Italian coal ships has cut the ground from under Herr von Ribbentrop's feet," according to the Rome correspondent of the "New York Times."

In the same newspaper, the leading article states: "Rarely has there been a diplomatic visit that started with such dramatic possibilities, and collapsed so thoroughly before it hardly got under way. The Allies have obviously won an important diplomatic victory in Italy."—Reuter.

North China Wants Food, Never Mind A New Central Regime

Shortage of Supplies Crowds Thoughts of Central Government Out of People's Minds

Peiping, Mar. 11.

Although it is reported locally that the Central Political Conference at Nanking, at which the political future of North China may be decided, will open tomorrow, and the Japanese-controlled Chinese press here is welcoming the forthcoming inauguration of the central regime as the beginning of a "golden area" for Peiping Chinese, the populace shows little interest in the event.

The tragic, half-starved crowds waiting at shops for hours every day bear witness to the desperate and worsening food situation here.

In spite of the food shortage, however, life in Peiping outwardly remains unaffected, and, but for few manifestations, the desperate plight of the poorer classes is kept well under the surface.

The food peddlers, who have been crying their wares in the same accents for centuries, go their way up and down the narrow hutungs—but with trays that are all but empty.

The camel caravans, the donkey and mule carts come and go. There is flying of kites on windy days. The cinemas have their usual crowds.

But the food question is uppermost in everyone's mind, and until it is solved there is likely to be a distinct lack of interest, much less any enthusiastic support, for fresh political activity, whether it affects North China or not.

Perhaps the most unpleasant aspect of the whole food situation in North China, and particularly in Peiping, is the activity of the class of hoarders who profiteer on the starving thousands of their fellow-Chinese.

It is presumed that North China will be linked to the Wang Ching-wei régime by being given a "semi-independent status," which will mean, in effect, that it will remain precisely the same as before—a special sphere of influence for Japan, and an autonomous political entity, though, perhaps, paying lip service to Wang Ching-wei.—Reuter.

R.A.F. Planes Over Vienna, Prague

German Ship ss. Hanover Scuttles Self Near Santo Domingo; West Front Quiet

London, Mar. 11.

An Air Ministry communique states Royal Air Force aircraft conducted successful reconnaissance flights over Vienna and Prague again on Saturday night.

An Admiralty press notice states: "The German steamer Hanover (5,600 tons) was intercepted by a British cruiser on the night of March 7-8 in Mona Channel, between Santo Domingo and Puerto Rico. The crew of the Hanover immediately set fire to their ship, and abandoned her."

The British steamer Chevy Chase (3,000 tons) sank in the North Sea yesterday following an explosion. The crew of 21 was saved.—Reuter.

Survivors of British Ship Safe

Brussels, Mar. 10.

Twenty-one survivors of the British ship Borthwick, 1,097 tons, which struck a mine and sank in the North Sea, were brought to Flushing, at the mouth of the Schelde, aboard a Dutch fishing-boat this morning, the Rotterdam correspondent of the "Soir" reported today. One of the seamen was injured, he added.—Havas.

German Patrols Repulsed

Paris, Mar. 10.

"Several encounters took place today between our advanced elements and German patrols, which had to retreat under our fire, on the western slopes of the Vosges," a French General Staff communique announced this evening. "The air forces of both sides were comparatively active," it added.—Havas.

French and Nazis Air Fight

Paris, Mar. 11.

During yesterday's air operations over the Western Front a battle was fought between six French combat planes and an equal number of German machines, it is revealed here. The result was a draw, no planes being shot down on either side.

One French pilot was slightly wounded but brought his plane down safely. German claims that one French plane was downed might have been based on this, it is stated here.

"There is nothing to report," states the latest French communique on military operations on the Western Front.—Reuter.

German Ship Survivors

Ciudad Trujillo, Mar. 10.

Thirty-seven survivors of a German merchant ship arrived in a lifeboat on the coast of the Dominican Republic today.—Havas.

R.A.F. Over Vienna, Prague

London, Mar. 10.

Flying at comparatively low altitude, R.A.F. bombers last night carried out a successful long-range reconnaissance and "bomphlet" raid over Vienna and Prague, former capitals of Austria and Czechoslovakia respectively, the Air Ministry reported this evening.

Towns flown over en route included Munich, Linz, Manneheim and Nuremberg, seat of the annual Nazi Congress. No resistance was met anywhere, the Ministry added.

Both Prague and Vienna were flown over by R.A.F. aircraft as early as January 12 and leaflets were dropped in Austria and Bohemia on February 22, followed on February 23 by leaflet raids over Pilsen and Prague. The longest flight carried out by the R.A.F. to date was on March 8 when British planes sped over Poland and scattered "bomphlets" over the mining district of Poznan.

R.A.F. planes also achieved something of a feat in carrying out six raids over Berlin in as many days between February 26 and March 2 when not only leaflets but parachute flares were dropped over the German capital.—Havas.

Nazi Planes Over Switzerland

Berne, Mar. 10.

"Bomphlets" of German manufacture were found littered in the streets of Basle this morning after German planes flew close to the Swiss frontier last night on their way back from France.

The propaganda leaflets, obviously intended originally for the French people, in certain cases imitated the format and printing of the French newspaper "Paris Soir." These leaflets bore the title "Paris Noir."

A number of "bomphlets" was dropped by a German plane over eastern central France last night, when French anti-aircraft batteries went into action to chase the raider off. The German craft made off eastward.—Havas.

Dutch Steamer Attacked

Amsterdam, Mar. 11.

The Dutch steamer Cina (1,260 tons) was attacked and machine-gunned three times by two unidentified planes yesterday. The incident took place just outside Dutch territorial waters, as the vessel was returning from England.—Havas.

Thirty Tankers Lost in War

London, Mar. 11.

Thirty Allied and neutral tankers totalling 217,964 tons have been sunk since the outbreak of the European war, a survey disclosed last night.

Among these were twenty British tankers totalling 144,303 tons, four Norwegian totalling 28,611 tons, two Dutch totalling 14,014 tons, two Swedish totalling 7,314 tons, one French totalling 14,115 tons and one Danish totalling 10,517 tons.—United Press.

Finn "Puppet" Premier Interned

Sweden and Norway Repeat Neutrality Stand; British Press Urges Aid for Finland

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

Stockholm, Mar. 11.

THE Kaunas correspondent of the Aftonbladet reports that Otto Kuusinnen, "Prime Minister," and other members of the "puppet" Finnish government, supported by Russia, have been interned because they criticized the action of the Soviet Government in opening negotiations with Finland.

Kuusinnen's "puppet" government was formed at Teriyoki, a Finnish frontier town captured by Soviet forces early in the war. It was officially called the "People's government of the democratic republic of Finland."—Reuter.

Stockholm, Mar. 10.

Swedish mediatory action in Finland seeks to prevent the European and Soviet-Finnish conflicts from becoming a second world war with Scandinavia as the main battleground, Mr. Cesterstroen, leader of the People's Party in the Lower Chamber, declared today.

Defending it against the "extremely unjust" criticism levelled at Sweden by the press of various foreign countries, he declared Sweden should protest energetically against all "press and radio calumny."

Sweden need not be ashamed of what she has done in the Soviet-Finnish conflict, he asserted, for her leaders acted with the greatest tact and prudence in their treatment of extremely delicate problems. "If the peace negotiations," he concluded, "bring forth acceptable results for Finland, even if they comprise heavy sacrifices, nothing will be more false than to say that Finland's valiant fight was futile."—Havas.

Norway's Strict Neutrality

Oslo, Mar. 10.

Norway's neutrality is founded on her sincere belief that all disputes can be settled by negotiation and the best thing Norway can wish for is to maintain her neutrality and honourable peace, the Premier M. J. Nygaardsvold asserted in a speech before the Press Association today, according to the official D.N.B. (German) news agency. Norway's attitude of neutrality, he added, applies identically to both the Soviet-Finnish and the Allied-German wars.—Havas.

Italian Comment

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

Rome, Mar. 11.

First authoritative Italian comment on the Russo-Finnish peace efforts is made by Signor Virginio Gayda ("the mouthpiece of Mussolini") in "Voce d'Italia."

He says only Finland can decide if the heroic war she is fighting is to be continued. But in the event of eleventh-hour help by the Allies, he adds, it is impossible to see how such intervention could spare Norway and Sweden, and avoid provoking retaliation from both Russia and Germany. Any British and French intervention would therefore mean a deliberate spreading of the European conflict.—Reuter.

French Troops Held Ready

Paris, Mar. 11.

Certain battalions of specially trained regular French Army troops have been concentrated at a camp convenient to a port from which they could embark for Finland if current Russo-Finnish peace talks fail and the Allies decide to send massive support to the Finns, informed quarters said here last night. The reports could not be confirmed in official quarters.—United Press.

British Press Comment

London, Mar. 11.

The need of supporting Finland, and doubts about the reported peace plans are expressed in newspapers commenting on the Russo-Finnish negotiations.

The "Daily Telegraph" says that the Soviet may well be eager to cut her losses as Nazism is starving for supplies which can never be obtained while the Red Army is fighting.

Under such conditions, free countries are all the more bound to give Finland what she needs for victory, according to "The Times."

The "Daily Mail" considers that whatever the peace terms may be, it should be put beyond doubt that fighting, or negotiating, Finland will have resolute backing.

Any peace promoted by Germany will be the peace or defeat for Finland, says the "News-Chronicle."

According to the "Manchester Guardian," if Scandinavian countries persist in their determination not to throw in their lot with Finland, and not to allow regular help from other countries through their territory, Finland may be forced to accept terms which may jeopardise her future independence. If Finland has to accept Russia's terms, she will be at Russia's mercy in the same way that Czechoslovakia was at Germany's mercy after she had surrendered the Sudeten defensive ring, the paper adds.—Reuter.

U.S. Press Comments

New York, Mar. 11.

The peace negotiations between Finland and Russia and the presence in Rome of Herr Joachim von Ribbentrop, the German Foreign Minister, brought comment at length in the press here today. Most papers stressed that Finland's fate is linked with that of the Allies. "Either Finland will be forced to conclude peace with Russia or else the war will extend to other countries and perhaps, amalgamate with the European conflict, the "New York Times" said.

The "New York Herald Tribune" stressed that if Finland is compelled to sign a damaging peace treaty "it will prove a blow to the prestige of the Allies."—Havas.

China Waging War For Existence

Dr. W. W. Yen Outlines the Reaction of Institute of Pacific Relations

Manila, Mar. 11.

Dr. W. W. Yen, China's chief delegate to the Institute of Pacific Relations conference recently held at Virginia Beach, Va., said on his arrival here today China is united at present as never before in history and is waging a bitter war against Japan for her very existence.

Dr. Yen, accompanied by his secretary, Dr. K. S. Weigh, his niece, Miss Hilda Yen, the daughter of Chungking's Health Administrator and an aviatrix, and also Mr. P. T. Chen, of Chungking's Ministry of Finance and also a delegate to the I.P.R., arrived aboard the ss. City of Norfolk.

Dr. Yen said that China had succeeded in weakening Japan's financial positions to the extent that the Japanese national debt had doubled in the past two years. The former Ambassador to Moscow and Washington said that "big preparations are being made to bring the conflict to a successful conclusion and the Chinese are confident of winning the war."

He believed that the Wang Ching-wei regime would not affect, to any great extent, conditions in China. "The news came as a distinct surprise to me, as I did not expect it," he said, commenting on reports of the proposed Wang Government.

Desire to Dominate

"Defining Japanese aims toward China, there was a general agreement that such economic matters as securing raw materials for Japan's manufacturing needs were secondary to Japan's larger aims—the desire to establish effective domination over China.

"Most of the conference speakers," he continued, "emphasized Japan's positive desire to control China as a step in an ambitious programme which would later extend to other parts of Asia.

"Regarding Japan's legitimate interests in China, it was clearly brought out that Japan might rightly expect an unhampered opportunity to trade on equal terms with others in China. It was likewise brought out that China would not be used as a base for attack against Japan by other Powers.

"It was pointed out that such ends might easily be secured by the conclusion of a commercial treaty and a non-aggression pact, but only on the condition that Japan abandons forever her plan for the subjugation of China.

Greatest Stumbling Block

"It appeared obvious to the Institute conference that the greatest stumbling block to Sino-Japanese relations is not Japan's alleged economic grievances but Japan's positive political policy of continental expansion.

"Unless Japanese military can be rendered subservient to civilian rule there is little hope of securing a durable settlement compatible with the interests of both China and Japan," Dr Yen concluded.

A large group of prominent American, Filipino and Chinese officials and businessmen attended the luncheon.

Dr. C. T. Wang, former Chinese Ambassador to Washington, arrived here today from Hongkong aboard the ss. President Coolidge. He said the trip was connected entirely with his work with the Philippine Bank of Communications, of which he is the president.—United Press.

More Young Britons To Be Registered

London, Mar. 11.

All British men 25 years of age will register for being called up towards the end of this month or the beginning of April.—Havas.

Swiss Navy Comes Into Active Service

Chartered Vessels to Have "Home Port" in Marseilles

Berne, Mar. 10.

The "Swiss Navy" is no longer a myth and ships from the tiny landlocked country are plying the seas in search of trade. A dispatch received here announced the arrival in a Chilean port of a Greek ship navigating under the Swiss flag. The vessel was loading merchandise for Switzerland. Nor is this the first time a ship flying the red flag with the white cross has opened wide the eyes of American seafarers. Approximately two months before, a news item from Philadelphia told the world that no fewer than eight ships flying the Swiss colours had anchored in the port.

The ships are not the purchased property of the Swiss government but merely chartered for a certain period, probably a year. The vessels remain the actual property of Greece and are manned by Greek officers and men, although their work is solely that of supplying Switzerland. They continue to fly the blue and white barred flag of Greece on their stern, and the mainmast sports the white and red of Switzerland.—Havas.

Loading the Guns of a British Fighting Plane

A single short belt of ammunition is no longer of use to the modern British fighting plane. It takes several men to load the guns carried by planes of the type shown in this picture which carry eight machine guns.

Gallant Effort by French Police

Arrest Four Armed Robbers And Seize Two Weapons in Route Tenant de la Tour

Four armed robbers are in the French Concession jail this morning awaiting trial in the Second Special District Court, charged with armed robbery, as a result of gallant action by the French Police early last evening and particularly so by reason of the deductive ability and physical prowess of V. Charoff, member of the Force who lives in the house on Route Tenant de la Tour which the gangsters had elected to rob.

It appears that a friend of Charoff, coming into the house saw suspicious activities on the ground floor and reported it. Charoff investigated and saw enough to telephone Foch station. Meanwhile he went below to await the arrival of additional police. Sensing something amiss, the lookout gave the alarm, whereupon one man jumped from a window and Charoff followed suit. One of them fired at Charoff who grappled with and downed his man after a chase.

The lookout having decamped, three men remained on the premises which is the home of a former banker. Challenged by the Police they refused to emerge, whereupon the latter tossed in a tear gas bomb. Its effects soon dislodged the culprits who, with eyes streaming, surrendered.

The French Police confiscated two weapons, one of which turned out to be an imitation pistol, the other genuine. All property was recovered. The French Police Red Maria, travelling 45 m.p.h. along Avenue Joffre, arrived on the scene and removed the men to the station.

Indian Princes Express Loyalty

New Delhi, Mar. 11.

A resolution of loyalty to the Crown was passed by the Chamber of Princes today.

The Viceroy, Lord Linlithgow, opening the session, expressed deep appreciation of the offers of personal aid and resources made by the Princes. He emphasized that the war had not modified in any way the view of the British Government regarding the necessity of securing Indian unity.

Introducing the resolution, Maharaja Jam Saheb, of Nawanagar, Chancellor of the Chamber, in a striking speech, said it represented a declaration of the Princes' unanimous attitude toward the war, and carried behind it the sanction of their resources coupled with the grim determination of the Princes and their loyal subjects. Other Princes spoke in a similar vein.—Reuter.

German View of Rome Attitude in Axis

Member of "Ribbentrop Bureau" Writes Article

Berne, Mar. 11.

"In spirit Fascist Italy is already side by side with belligerent Nazi Germany. Italy will choose the most opportune moment to switch to practical action in agreement with her friends; a moment which will prove most onerous for the enemies of new Europe."

Thus the German view of Italy's present non-belligerent stand was expressed today by Herr Walther Munter, member of the "Ribbentrop Bureau," a private office in the German Foreign Ministry, in an article which appeared in the paper "Deutscher Zeitung in Der Schweiz."

The opinions voiced by Herr Munter are particularly interesting at a time when the German Foreign Minister, Herr Joachim von Ribbentrop, is visiting Rome.

Germany, he said, is trying to convince Italy that the Germano-Russian alliance is favourable to Italy's own interests. The raw materials obtained by the Reich through the pact might equally benefit Italy.

Furthermore, Italy is a "prisoner" in the Mediterranean, Herr Munter added. Therefore, it is imperative that a revision of the present repartition of possessions commanding that sea be undertaken.

In conclusion, the writer stressed that it would be in Italy's interests to switch from non-belligerency to practical action.—Havas.

Allies Ready to Send Utmost Aid to Finns

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would have been open to the Finns to inquire into their nature if they had thought fit to follow the matter further.

Meanwhile, Sweden had had this approach made to them by the Russians. Sweden, in fact, passed on the terms, and apparently urged their consideration.

In the terms outlined to Mr. Butler, there were no compensating factors, either territorial or commercial. The terms which the Swedish Government passed on to Finland are understood to be virtually the same as those in which the British Government declined to have any part.

It is not known whether the Swedish Government knew that the British Government had refused to act as intermediary at the time the Swedes accepted that task.

Denial was given in authoritative quarters to the suggestion that Sweden had agreed to the transit of munitions and troops provided Allied assistance to Finland was of a decisive character.

It is understood that it has been made very clear to Sweden that the Allies are willing to give increased assistance to Finland provided facilities for transport are afforded by the Swedish Government, but no indications have yet been received of any modification of the Swedish attitude.—Reuter.

Decision Already Made

Copenhagen, Mar. 11.

The "Ekstrabladet" Helsinki correspondent today claimed that peace was concluded between Finland and Russia at Moscow last night and an official announcement is imminent in Helsinki.

The "Berlingske Tidende" Stockholm correspondent quoted the usually well-informed Stockholm "Folkets Dagblad" as saying that the Russo-Finnish negotiations on peace had been successfully completed at Moscow.

The "Estradladet" Stockholm correspondent telegraphed that Moscow reports said the Finnish delegation left the Russian capital by plane this morning for Stockholm and the Finns were believed to be carrying Russian peace terms. Unconfirmed reports said that the Finns had agreed to surrender Hango Island.—United Press.

British Warships Off Petsamo

Stockholm, Mar. 11.

The "Aftonbladet" Kirkens correspondent said today that a British aircraft carried and two British destroyers were off Petsamo on the Russo-Finnish border in the north.—United Press.

Swedes Say Red Terms Unrevealed

Stockholm, Mar. 11.

Prospects of a peace settlement being reached between Russia and Finland within the next 24 hours or less appear here this afternoon to be very likely.

The Finnish Legation, however, denies that the Soviet peace proposals have already been accepted.

It is understood here that definite news of the Russo-Finnish peace negotiations may be expected either tonight or tomorrow.

Neither the Finnish nor the Swedish people have yet been told the details of the reported peace terms between Finland and Russia, according to a statement made here.

Recently, however, the newspaper "Dagens Nyheter" gave utterance to the private feeling of many Swedish people when it wrote: "Peace at any price is an empty thing. If Finland is defeated, we shall have our turn. If defeat does not come to us in the form of attack and annihilation, it will come in the form of 'protection' by a great power."

Time-Limit Believed Expiring

It is now possible to get a clearer picture of the sequence of events connected with the Russo-Finnish peace talks.

The suggestion was made some ten days ago, when the Russian thrust on the Karelian Isthmus appeared to be progressing so rapidly, that the time had come to consider an armistice. Communications passed between Finland and Russia through M. Elias Erkko, former Finnish Foreign Minister, in Stockholm, and the Swedish Legation in Moscow. The Russians refused an armistice, but agreed to receive the Finnish delegation which, as is now known, flew to Stockholm, then went to Moscow.

The time-limit fixed for the talks will, it is believed, expire on March 12.

Meanwhile, it is understood contact is being maintained between the Finnish and Allied governments about ways and means of increasing help for Finland, if necessary.—Reuter.

Rome Reports Basis Agreed

Rome, Mar. 11.

According to a radio announcement here last night, a tentative basis for a Soviet-Finnish agreement has been reached and M. Risto Ryti, the Finnish Prime Minister, is on his way to Moscow, where the main negotiations are now being conducted.

The announcer said a tentative understanding would not impose too great a sacrifice on the Finns, who had resigned themselves to the loss of the Karelian Isthmus and Petsamo. The Finns were, however, still holding out over the question of Hangoe and the region north of Lake Ladoga, he added, while the Russians, too, were reported to be adamant on these points.—Reuter.

Activity in Moscow

Moscow, Mar. 11.

Intense diplomatic activity continued here over the week-end following the arrival of the Finnish delegation which will negotiate an armistice with Russia.

The Russian Government has remained silent thus far regarding the arrival of the Finnish delegation. Various ambassadors and ministers conferred yesterday with the American Ambassador, Mr. Laurence Steinhardt. Mr. Steinhardt later called on the Soviet Foreign Commissar, Mr. Vyacheslav Molotov. The subject of their conversation was not disclosed.

The State Department in Washington announced last night that Mr. Steinhardt had "nothing to do" with the Russo-Finnish negotiations.—United Press.

U.S. Criticized on China Loan

Definite Assistance to the Chiang Government, Says Tokyo Newspaper

Tokyo, Mar. 11.

The new American $20,000,000 loan to the Chungking Government is only added proof of America's unshaken determination to assist the Chinese Government to an ultimate victory over Japan and halt Japan's military activities in China, according to the influential "Asahi Shimbun."

"The further Japan pushes her East Asia construction programme, the more glaring American hostility toward Japan is likely to become," the paper said. "There is no disguising the fact that the United States clearly intends to aid the Chiang Kai-shek regime on the one hand and to manifest its hostility toward Japan on the other. In pushing our efforts to settle the China War we must take note of the fact that American hostility is growing more and more undisguised and intense as we near our cherished goal."

The paper asserted that the belief is widely held in America that Japan is on the verge of an economic collapse and that aid to Chungking will help to hasten Japan's end.

"If this is not the whole truth," the "Asahi" said, "the United States must be considered to be preparing to use its naval forces in case economic pressure alone does not suffice."—United Press.

Armed Battle in Bubbling Well

Police Search Party Hail Suspicious Characters Who Resist Arrest Efforts

Two robber suspects one of whom was armed were arrested last night by the Bubbling Well Police after an exchange of shots in Gordon Road near Bubbling Well Road where three suspicious Chinese pedestrians were challenged by a police search party. The third man escaped during the gun battle in which five shots were fired by the police and three by the gangsters. A pistol and $2,500 were found in the possession of one of the men. The only casualty reported is a Chinese medicine shop assistant who sustained a flesh wound in the head.

The shooting affray took place at about 7.20 p.m. when a foreign officer attached to the Bubbling Well police was patrolling in Gordon Road together with some Chinese colleagues. They ran across three men whom they suspected and challenged them. The men refused to be searched and tried to shoot their way to freedom.

Inasmuch as about $2,500 had been stolen from a house on Hwakee Avenue, prior to the shooting, police believe that the sum recovered was loot from that robbery.

French War Council Meets in Paris

Russo-Finnish War and Parleys Believed Reviewed

Paris, Mar. 11.

The French War Committee today met at 10.30 a.m. and although no special announcement was made, it was understood that the officials studied the Russo-Finnish crisis.

M. Albert Lebrun, President of France, presided over the meeting, which was attended by M. Edouard Daladier, Premier; M. Cesar Campinchi, Navy Minister, and General Marie Gustave Gamelin, Commander-in-Chief of the French Army.

Prior to the meeting, M. Daladier talked at the War office to the British Ambassador to Paris.—United Press.

British Nation United As Never Before

Criticism of Government as Factor for Real Support

London, Mar. 10.

"In our open criticism of the Government, let not the enemy think that there is a divided nation," Mr. Arthur Greenwood, deputy leader of the Parliamentary Opposition, stated today in a speech at Wakefield, Yorkshire.

"There is a united nation determined to use its full strength with a view to the earliest termination of the war," he added. "To that end, the Labour party will urge greater and greater efforts," he stated, "and will not withhold the sternest condemnation of these men who do not fulfill their high responsibilities."—Havas.

Railway Company to Increase Wages

Because of rising commodity prices, salary increases for its 4,000 employees were made by the Central China Railways Company on Friday, according to the "Shanghai Mainichi" yesterday.

Officials in the company will receive increases in salary ranging 25 per cent., up to a limit of Y.200. The salary of lesser employees will be increased from a minimum of Y.20 up to 28 per cent. of their present pay, while Chinese employees will receive an additional wage of Y.9 per month, the paper reported.

Canadian Plane Forced To Land in U.S.

Ottawa, Mar. 11.

Two Canadian airmen, Pilot Dugid and Mechanic Cannon of the Canadian Air Force, were arrested by the American customs authorities when their plane made a forced landing in Alexandria Bay, New York. The case of the two airmen will be examined on Monday in Washington. They may be interned for the duration of the European war as combatants of a belligerent state.—Havas.

Britain Backs China's Independence

London, Mar. 11.

That Great Britain is most emphatically of the opinion that China's independence should be preserved, was stressed in the House of Commons today by Mr. R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, replying to Mr. Arthur Henderson, Labour member for the Kingwinsford Division of Staffordshire.—Havas.

Foreign News in Brief

With General Tanaranda as the only candidate for the presidency, the presidential elections took place amid calm throughout Bolivia on Sunday. The parliamentary elections presented more interest, and competent quarters expect leftist parties to win a number of seats in the Chamber of Deputies while rightist groups will probably maintain their majority in the Senate.

Battle in Macao Waters

Macao, Mar. 11.

An armed Chinese motor launch exchanged fire with Portuguese launches when it attempted to seize cargo boats in Portuguese waters early this afternoon.

The Portuguese launches chased the Chinese boat toward Lappa Island, across the Macao inner harbour. The Chinese suffered minor casualties.—Reuter.

German Prisoners Landed At Capetown

Capetown, Mar. 11.

Forty-six prisoners of war from scuttled German steamers and sixteen men who were injured during the battle between British cruisers and the German pocket battleship Admiral Graf Spee on the River Platte, were landed in Capetown today, it is officially announced.—Reuter.

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FROM DAY TO DAY

Mrs. J. B. Haynes and son, of Tientsin, have arrived and are staying with Mr. and Mrs. James A. Collins, at 804 Grosvenor House.

The members of the civics department of the American Women's Club are reminded of the meeting today at 2.30 p.m., in the club rooms.

The Ministry of Education has summoned a national educational conference to start in Chungking yesterday, which will be continued until March 18, says a Chungking message to the "Shun Pao."

At this week's meeting of the Rotary Club there will be a classification talk: "Municipal Accounting" by Rotarian Morcher. The meeting will be held as usual at 12.15 p.m., Thursday, at the Metropolo Hotel, 1st floor.

The salaries of social educational workers should be raised simultaneously with those of primary teachers this year, the Ministry of Education has instructed the bureaux of education of the various provincial governments, says a Chungking message to the "Shun Pao."

A memorial service for the late Marshal Wu Pei-fu, soldier-poet who passed away in Peiping recently, was held in Hongkong by various Chinese public bodies on March 10, says a message to the "Shun Pao." The impressive ceremony was attended, among others, by Messrs. Wang Hsiao-lai, and Tu Yueh-sen.

After several months of closure, the Reformed Institute on Hsing Ying Road will re-open on April 15, according to the "Tairiku Shimpo" yesterday. The Japanese Army Special Service Section announced that the Institute will be open to 150 Chinese students and that experts for all departments will be brought from Japan.

For the first time in five years, the people of Sian, capital of Shensi province, held a dragon lantern parade on the evening of March 9 to celebrate this year's good harvests, states a message to the "Sin Wan Pao." For three years since the outbreak of Sino-Japanese hostilities, the crops in Shensi have been plentiful.

General Li Han-hwen, Chairman of the Kwangtung Provincial Government, on Sunday ordered a sum of $50,000 to be sent immediately by the provincial government for the relief of over 20,000 Chinese refugees who fled from Chungshan when the Japanese recently attacked the city, says a Shaokwan message to the "Shun Pao."

On the grounds that flour mills have made good profits as a result of rising prices, the "Kiangsu-Chekiang-Anhwei Consolidation Tax Bureau" of the "Reformed Government" has increased the flour export tax by another 10 cents, thus making it 20 cents per bag of flour, states the "Sin Wan Pao." No flour, on which the tax has not been paid, will be permitted to be exported from Shanghai, the report states.

The health report of the French Municipality for the week ending March 9, shows that the total number of deaths from all causes amongst the foreign and Chinese population in the Concession were:—Foreigners 2 and Chinese 269. Deaths from notifiable diseases were—Foreigners, tuberculosis 1, and Chinese, tuberculosis 23; pneumonia 16; dysentery 6; typhoid and paratyphoid fevers 5; diphtheria 2; beri-beri 2.

Plans for the development of a "Greater Municipality of Kunming" are now being formulated by the municipal authorities with the aid of municipal-planning experts, states a report to the "National Herald." The plans aim at converting Kunming, capital of Yunnan, into a metropolis. The residential, factory, and business districts will be segregated under the scheme, and many scenic spots on the outskirts of the city will be included in the plan.

Through the kindness of the British Women's Association the British Universities' Society of China were enabled to hold an informal concert and dance at the headquarters of the association last Saturday. The function was arranged as an opportunity for members to say au revoir to the president of the society, Mr. H. G. B. Perry, and Mrs. Perry before their departure on home leave. Between 70 and 80 members and their guests were present.

The 16th annual conference of the China Geological Society will be held in Chungking on March 14, 15 and 16, says a Chungking message to the "Shun Pao." Over 100 members of the society, the report adds, are expected to take part in the conference. A total of 85 scientific papers have so far been received by the society. After the conference, members will take an inspection trip to Tzeliutsing, the famous salt-producing centre in Szechuen province, the report concludes.

The Shanghai Municipal Council health report for the week ending midnight, March 9, shows that the total number of deaths from all causes amongst the foreign and Chinese population in the Settlement were—Foreigners 16 and Chinese 715. Deaths from notifiable diseases were—Foreigners, tuberculosis, dysentery and influenza 1 each. Chinese, tuberculosis 63; typhoid fever 14; beri-beri 7; dysentery 6; relapsing fever 3; diphtheria 2 and influenza, measles, typhus fever 1 each.

The receipt of a chain letter by seventy-one-year-old Mrs. Jane Boxall of New Road, Croxley Green, Herts, was referred to at the inquest as a possible reason for her having committed suicide. Her body was recovered from the Grand Union Canal after the police had dragged it for a month. The receipt of the chain letter which contained the sentence "anyone who breaks the chain will have bad luck," worried Mrs. Boxall, and the Watford coroner at the inquest described these letters as "disgraceful," adding that they caused many people inconvenience and anxiety. Mrs. Boxall was under the delusion that everyone was against her. She left a letter addressed to her sister which read, "All I have heard is, 'five years in Holloway prison,' where I shall be watched and have to wear a cotton frock. What they have against me I do not know. I think it is best for me to end it this way rather than be tortured."

Wounding Case in H.M. Court

Injured Chinese Testifies Against Indian; Accused Allowed Out on $1,500 Bail

The preliminary examination of Abdul Rahin, British Indian subject accused of wounding Tsang Yuen-tse, a Chinese, with intent to do him grievous bodily harm on March 3 was continued in H. M. Police Court before H. M. Registrar, Mr. C. H. Haines, yesterday morning. Mr. G. H. Wright prosecuted the case for the S.M.P.

Tsang himself was the first witness into the box with an evident show during yesterday's hearing, limping of pain. Mr. Haines allowed him to be seated during his examination. He said that he lived at 17 Hong Shing Li, in East Yuhang Road, and that he was playing mahjongg at his home on the night of March 3 with three other persons, one of whom was a woman. They ceased playing at 9.30 p.m. and his aunt told him to escort the woman to her home. He pointed out the woman in court. When they reached the entrance to an alleyway in Dent Road, not far from his home, Tsang said that he was caught hold of by an Indian. He identified the accused as the Indian who had seized him.

Allegation of Stabbing

The Indian got his knife out, Tsang tried to get away. He said that the Indian attempted to stab him in his left side, but he turned and received two wounds in the back. "The Indian did not say anything, "said Tsang, "he stabbed me and I ran away." The Indian ran after him for some distance, the witness continued, and then stopped chasing his victim. Tsang then fell down in Dent Road. He said he wanted to go home but could not, and while he was lying there he saw two Chinese men coming who helped him to his home. Tsang then told the men to telephone to the police station and later an ambulance came and took him to the hospital. He said that he was still being treated as an outpatient of the hospital. He identified some blood-stained underclothing as his old clothes and said that he was wearing five coats at the time. Three of the coats were still missing, he added as an afterthought.

The next witness was Sze Nyoh-lai, the woman who had been escorted by Tsang following the mahjongg game. She said that she was the wife of the accused and had left her home at No. 5 Tong An Li, in Dent Road, on Sunday night with a child, the son of her husband's friend, to go to 17 Hong Shing Li. After the game she asked the old woman of the house to escort her home but the old woman got her nephew to do so. The witness said that she did not know the name of her escort. When they reached the entrance to the alleyway they met her husband. Her husband fought her escort with a knife, she said, and she ran back to 17 Hong Shing Li, where she stayed all night. Asked if she had returned to her home before going back to the house where she had played mahjongg, she answered in the negative.

Woman Calls Out

San You-loh, chief tenant at No. 5 Tong An Li, who was the next witness, said that he heard a row outside and that the woman called out and asked him to open the back door. He let her into the house, where she left the child who was with her, and then departed by the front door. He did not see her again that night.

Dr. Charles Leslie Dale, American, attached to the Shanghai Sanitarium Clinic at 171 Range Road, said that he examined the injured man on the morning of March 4 and found two wounds on his back which had been closed by skin clips the evening before. He said the wounds were approximately one inch in length and were situated one on either of the spinal column. He said that the wounds were not serious but that he ordered the patient observed for a few days to see if the wounds had penetrated the lungs or the pleural cavity. No such complications arose, he said.

Au Zu-yoong and Yang Zung-fah testified that they had helped the man from the spot where he was lying in the street to the entrance to Hong Shing Li. Au said that he had telephoned to Wayside Police station and told the police what had happened.

The accused was allowed bail of his own recognizance of $500 and two sureties of $500 each, acceptable to the police. He was warned not to interfere with the police witnesses. The hearing was adjourned until 10 a.m. Friday.

Hong Men Stage Own "Boston Tea Party"

Jars Upset and Machinery Damaged in Eleven Shops

Employees of eleven tea-hongs in the West Hongkew police district put on their own "Boston Tea Party" on Sunday evening when they started upsetting tea containers, smashing furniture and machinery and generally creating trouble in the shops. They want better pay and point to the high cost of living in Shanghai. The shops are now closed owing to the strike condition.

Charges of causing malicious damage were placed against seven of the trouble-makers arrested by the Settlement Police on Sunday evening, while seventeen further men, seized yesterday, have been charged with causing malicious damage, and intimidation. The seven who were arrested on Sunday appeared before the First Special District Court yesterday, when their cases were remanded until next Monday. West Hongkew police also produced 29 Chinese on gambling charges before the Court yesterday.

Unrest existed yesterday among the assistants in sesamum oil shops in the Settlement.

Soviet Planes Penetrate Japanese Territory

Tokyo, Mar. 11.

Two Soviet planes penetrated Japanese territory in south Saghalien for a distance of 80 km. this afternoon, Japanese reports from Toyohara, south Saghalien, said today.

After flying over the Japanese territory, the Soviet planes were alleged to have returned to the nothern end of the Island, which is Soviet territory.

A Soviet biplane appeared over the Japanese territory at 12.40 p.m. and a monoplane at 1.20 p.m., the Japanese reports said.—United Press.

Dutch Unearth More Spy Activities

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

Amsterdam, Mar. 11.

The Dutch authorities continue to unearth espionage affairs. The police at Amsterdam, while searching a house, found another secret wireless transmitter. The foreign owners of the apparatus have been arrested.

Two arrests have been made in different parts of the country in connection with what is described as "a serious case of espionage." The police, however, refuse to disclose details. —Reuter.

Coal Ball Register Limit Expires

Hoarders May Be Dealt With By Chinese Chamber

Yesterday was the last day on which people possessing large coal ball stocks could register with the factories so as to clear all factories of large quantities of ready stocks urgently needed by the Chinese populace. Those merchants who fail to do so and therefore may be charged with hoarding will be referred to the Chinese Chamber of Commerce in Shanghai for action.

The matter is of vital importance to the Chinese here who need coal balls for daily cooking. Coal ball factories have charged their big customers with hoarding because the latter refused to remove the coal balls they bought from factory godowns presumably awaiting high prices. These customers, however, have counter charged coal ball manufacturers with manipulation, alleging that they had not actually received ready stocks but merely given bills of sale.

Meanwhile, coal ball manufacturers have complained that freight coal has not been reduced and therefore they cannot be expected to reduce prices. The complaint has been made to the Chinese Chamber of Commerce which in turn has requested Mr. Yu Ya-ching to arrange for a freight reduction with shipping circles. Mr. Yu, it is learned, is willing to comply with the request.

Harvard Club Elects Officers at Dinner

Mr. T. K. Ho Succeeds Mr. Horace H. Smith

The annual business meeting of the Harvard Club of Shanghai was held last night after a dinner in the American Club, with Mr. Horace H. Smith presiding. Officers for the current year were elected as follows:—

President, Mr. T. K. Ho; vice-president, Mr. P. F. LeFevre; treasurer, Mr. W. S. Chiao; and secretary, Mr. Charles Richardson, jun. It was decided to appoint a programme committee in the near future. Thanks were extended to Mr. Smith for his efforts in behalf of the Club during the past year.

Those present expressed themselves in favour of a plan to bring a film depicting the Harvard Tercentenary celebrations to Shanghai for showing to the club membership and others.

All Harvard alumni interested in joining the club are invited to communicate with the secretary, Mr. Richardson, at 149 Yuen Ming Yuen Road.

Kidnapping Suspects In District Court

Two suspects were brought before the First Special District Court yesterday and remanded in custody after a short hearing in connection with the kidnapping of Wang Chia-shui, a partner of the Cheng Kee Real Estate Co., 495 Honan Road, which crime was committed in November of last year at the victim's residence in Yu Yuen Road.

The two detained men are Sheng Kwang-tung and Yih Fu-an, both employees of the Chinese real estate firm itself. They were recently arrested by the Yulin Road police on suspicion that the crime is an inside job.

The victim is alleged to have regained his freedom after paying a ransom amounting to over $20,000.

Marshal Goering's Books On Sale in London

London, Mar. 10.

Among the rare books that will be auctioned off in London on March 18 and 20 are two volumes which at one time belonged to Field Marshal Hermann Goering, German Air Minister and designated successor of Herr Adolf Hitler.—Havas.

Ariadne Moller Refloated

No Casualties Among Crew Or Passengers; Sailing To Shanghai Unaided

Fears for the safety of passengers and crew of ss. Ariadne Moller, which went aground near Wenchow on Sunday night, were set at rest yesterday when an official of Mollers' Ltd. told the "North-China Daily News" that the vessel had been refloated and was proceeding to Shanghai under her own steam. There were no casualties, he said.

The ship was on her way from Wenchow to Shanghai and was only a short distance away from the former port when she went aground at about 10.30 p.m. Capt. Miller, British, master of the vessel, immediately wirelessed for help, this call being picked up by the R.C.A. Radio Station in Manila, which reported that 200 passengers had taken to lifeboats.

The "North-China Daily News" was informed yesterday, however, that it was improbable that the ship carried as many passengers as 200. "She would have picked up some at Wenchow," the official continued, "but I doubt that she carried that number." He added that he had made enquiries from Messrs. William Hunt & Co., by whom the vessel had been chartered, and they had received no information as to the number of passengers carried.

A wireless report received by Mollers' Ltd. yesterday stated that the ship had been refloated at 8.15 p.m. and, if the weather remained fine, would be able to make Shanghai without the assistance of a tug, which was sent to render what aid she could. The Ariadne Moller is a twin screw vessel of 1,840 tons and was built in 1907.

Concern Felt in Manila

Manila, Mar. 11.

Concern was felt here today over the fate of more than 200 passengers who were forced to take to lifeboats last night when the British-owned China coastal steamer Ariadne Moller went aground while en route from Wenchow to Shanghai.

The local R. C. A. radio station intercepted an S.O.S. from the disabled ship which reported it was in need of immediate assistance.

The ship gave her position as latitude 27,50.05, longitude 120,59.03.—United Press.

Manchu Border Talks Nearly Ended

Negotiations Concluded, Say Tokyo Reports

Tokyo, Mar. 11.

Negotiations in Moscow concerning the Japanese draft agreement in connection with the Manchurian boundaries have reached the last stage, according to a statement made by Mr. Y. Suma, the Foreign Office spokesman, in a press conference this morning.

The Japanese Government is now waiting for the final reply from the Soviet, he said.

As soon as a treaty is signed, a commission to delimit the boundaries, and a commission to adjudicate in the boundary incidents would be set up.

The Nomohan boundary, however, would continue to be treated as a separate issue, he added.

Conversations on the fishery pact would begin very shortly in Moscow, Mr. Suma continued. He hoped that a permanent fishery treaty would soon be realized, in accordance with the Soviet promise made on December 30. —Reuter.

15th Anniversary of Death of Dr. Sun

Chinese schools and official organizations will observe a holiday while Chinese flags will be half masted today in Shanghai in commemoration of the 15th anniversary of the death of Dr. Sun Yat-sen, late leader of the Kuomintang. Many amusement programmes are expected to be curtail No commemoration meeting has be planned for today by the local Chinese. The Customs observe the holiday.

A memoral speech was made by Mr. Wang Ching-wei yesterday on the occasion of the anniversary. The speech entitled "Peace, Struggle and Save China" was said to be the call of the late party leader at the time of his death.

Judge Orders Defence To be Filed

In a civil suit in H. M. Supreme Court in which the Sing Foo Medicine Company is appearing as the plaintiff against Benjamin and Sons, the defendants, Assistant Judge P. Grant Jones yesterday morning ordered the defence to be filed in court.

Post Office Accepts Military Notes

Postal Orders Issued in Japanese Currency

Authorities of the Shanghai Post Office are allowing customers to issue Japanese military note postal money orders thus making it possible to increase the circulation of such military notes in occupied districts, it is authoritatively learned. The military notes have been accepted for some time already by the Shanghai Post Office and branches of the Post Office in occupied districts for buying postage stamps.

Instead of mentioning the sums of money in Chinese currency in postal money orders, sums in Japanese military notes can be mentioned and recipients will obtain also military notes. The understanding between postal officials and Japanese provides that the new regulations should be carried out in Hankow and Kiukiang first. The sums in military notes allowed to be sent through the Post Office range from $20 to several thousand dollars.

An official of the Shanghai Post Office stated that the authorities were forced by circumstances to enforce the new regulations as Japanese military men in occupied areas sometimes only possessed military notes which they wished to send to friends and relatives in other occupied districts. The Chinese would not issue postal money orders against military notes, it was said.

Judge Helmick Arriving Here Tomorrow

Judge Milton J. Helmick of the United States Court for China and Mr. William T. Collins, Clerk of the Court, will arrive in Shanghai in the French liner, Marechal Joffre, tomorrow morning. The first tender from the liner is expected to reach the Customs Jetty between 9 and 10 a.m. Judge Helmick left Shanghai on February 8 to accompany the U.S Ambassador to China, Mr. Nelson T. Johnson, on a trip to Chungking. On his return from Chungking the Judge stopped off in Canton to hold a session of the U.S. Court.

Retired Australian General Called Up

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

Melbourne, Mar. 10.

Lieut.-General Tintham-White has been called from retirement, and has been appointed chief of the Australian General Staff. He held this post between the years 1920 and 1923.—Reuter.

S'hai Municipal Orchestra Concerts

Subject of Nationality Becoming Obsession; Fine Sunday Programme

After the excellence, in every respect, of the programme and its presentation by the Municipal Orchestra on Sunday, one is tempted to ask when the next special concert of Italian music will occur. The theatre was full: an eloquent answer in itself to the correspondence which recently appeared in this journal on the question of programmes and attendances.

The subject of the nationality of music is in danger of becoming an obsession among certain circles in this town. It is first necessary to pose the question, that if the music played is good music (and it was on Sunday), should the nationality of its composer matter? It seems not. This, of course, is merely another way of saying that music ought to surpass the carefully erected barriers of nationalism, by reason of the universal currency of its language. And in normal times, this is very largely the case.

In the second place, and narrowing our focus to the local scene, it must be appreciated that were it not for the Italian Government, the French Authorities and, in a lesser way, the British Council (a London philanthropic institution), it is more than likely that little, if any, new music would have been presented at the Municipal concerts during this season and the last. Had this actually occurred there would doubtless have been grouses on the theme of the unprogressiveness of the orchestra. As it is, the orchestra has been taken to task for not playing enough of "the old favourites" (whatever that may mean). No; whichever way you look at it, the Municipal Orchestra apparently cannot escape serving as a public coconut-shy in its spare time.

Quagmire of Complacency

It is all very well to talk about "the world's classical music," the "old favourites" and so on, but it is sometimes possible to sink so deep into the quagmire of complacency that both progress and vision are obstructed. To keep a vital organism such as an orchestra in a healthy and vigorous condition, it is constantly necessary to introduce new blood. And who is to say that the composition of today will not become the classic of tomorrow?

As a side issue to all this, but none the less important, is the actual matter of the contributions to the orchestra. These have been recorded on a number of occasions in the past, but it is apparent that they are in danger of being overlooked. The Italian Government and the French authorities between them will contribute in 1940 no less than $42,690, which is 18 per cent. of the total figure estimated for the upkeep of the orchestra during the year. Can anyone dispute their right to call the tune for a series of concerts, all other considerations set aside?

There is really little to be gained in discussing the old and thorny question of the programmes played by the Municipal Orchestra, even were it done in good faith, for you start off with the foregone conclusion that the question has no satisfactory answer. The problem is probably insoluble, as it is the world over. There can be no agreement among a given population of concert attenders on the subject of the compilation of programmes. Unanimity in this respect, were it to be achieved, would require a universal and unvarying standard of musical appreciation, which does not exist.

Programme on Sunday

Outstanding on the programme of the orchestra on Sunday was Malipiero's Elegiac Symphony, a personal work of simple and beautiful dimensions. Malipiero is master enough of his craft, but the unaffected manner in which the essence of his deep feeling in this symphony is communicated determines the sincerity of the whole. The Orchestra voiced its sentiments with delicacy and understanding.

Two compositions of two great masters of the second Venetian school (17th century) received their first performance in Shanghai. A recitative and scene from Marcello's cantata "Didone" were sung by Miss Mary Stewart. Her voice was as satisfying as ever.

Mr. Foa, with the expert help of the strings of the orchestra which carried the main weight of the edifice, played two sections of the "Four Seasons" concerto of Vivaldi in his best manner. The arrangement of the work is by Molinary, the famous conductor-violinist, which accounts for the fine-pointedness of the string *tutti*, and the gratifying sonority of the whole.

In the second part of the Adriatic Suite of Lualdi, "Sunset Over Fields and Shores," the wood-wind was very much on its mettle. The quiet serenity of both this work and its playing was particularly impressive.

We were jolted out of our introspections on the beauties of Italian sunsets by Casella in his symphonic suite, "The Jar." Not unpleasantly though, for there are times in music when a great deal of activity and noise must be permitted and even enjoyed. Casella's "Giara" is surely one of them.—H.

Imported Rice Down 50 Cents a Picul

The shop price of Saigon declined another 50 cents a "bag" (picul) here yesterday, as compared with the previous day. The ordinary grade sold at $42.50-$44.50, while the cheapest kind, "nui mee," fetched $40 only.

Rent Case Adjourned

Following a brief hearing before Assistant Judge P. Grant Jones in H. M. Supreme Court yesterday morning, a rent dispute between Sartan Singh plaintiff, and Kehar Singh, defendant, was adjourned until Thursday at 10 a.m.

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MONDAY, MARCH 11, 1940

BANK'S SELLING RATES 10 A.M.

£1 @ 4 1/16d.	$ 58.18
U.S. $100 @ 6⅝	$1,509.43
Francs 303	$100
Yen 28⅛	100
Guilders 123⅛	100
Rupees 22⅞	100
Pesos 13¼	100
Hongkong $27⅝	100

BANK'S BUYING RATES 10 A.M.

£1 @ 4 1/16d.	$ 57.31
U.S. $100 @ 6¾	$1,481.48
London—demand, $1=	4 1/16d.
4 months' sight credits	4 3/16d.
4 months' sight docts	4 3/16d.
6 months' sight credits	4 1/16d.
6 months' sight docts	4 1/16d.
New York—demand, $100=	U.S.$63¾
4 months' sight credits	U.S.$61 11/16
4 months' sight docts	U.S.$61 11/16

INTERBANK CLOSING SELLING RATES

Sterling 4 3/64	U.S. $61 1/16
Hongkong/London	1/23/32

WEI WAH DISCOUNT

Wei Wah $1,056.00 ..... C.N.$1,000.00

NETHERLANDS TRADING SOCIETY

Netherlands Guilders	Buying 13
Java Guilders	„ 12⅞
Netherlands Guilders	Selling 12⅝
Java Guilders	„ 12½

AMERICAN EXPRESS CO., INC.

Buying U.S.$100=$1,467.889	£1=$56.888
Selling U.S.$100=$1,509.433	£1=$58.181

BANQUE BELGE POUR L'ETRANGER

Belgas 0.39=$1 Belgas 23.05=£1

ITALIAN BANK FOR CHINA

It. Lire 1.30=$1 Swiss Frs. 0.29½=$1
Tourist Lire 1.56 ..... $1

HUA HSING COMMERCIAL BANK

Sterling Selling Rate @ 6d	per H.H.$ 1
„ Buying „ @ 6 1/32	„ H.H.$ 1
U.S.$ Selling „ @ 9 1/16	„ H.H.$100
„ Buying „ @ 9 1/32	„ H.H.$100
Local $ (Fapi) selling @ 144	per H.H.$100
buying @ 149	„ H.H.$100

CUSTOMS OFFICIAL RATES

Gold Unit 1.00—Hua Hsing	$2.708
Gold Unit 1.00—Local Dollar	$4.035

Local Exchange Report

Messrs. Drakeford, Davis & Wilson

INTER BANK CASH DELIVERY

£	Highest 4 3/32	Lowest	4 2/32
U.S. G.$	6¾		6 11/16
Yen	—		—

MERCHANT CLOSING RATES

	SELLING	BUYING
Cash		
£ T.T.	4⅛	4 m/s. l.c. 4 7/32
G.$ T.T.	6 11/16	4 m/s. l.c. 6 11/16
Pcs. T.T.	304	4 m/s. 317
Rs. T.T.	23	15 d/s. 23½

BAR SILVER

	READY	FOC'D
Bombay Rs. per 100 tolas	59.01	—
Bombay offtake 25 bars.		

NEW YORK/LONDON CASH RATES

New York closing Rate for Cash	3.87
Local sellers U.S.$ for Cash	3.86¾
Local buyers U.S.$ for Cash	3.87⅛

The local exchange market opened with sellers to merchants at 4⅛ sterling and 6⅝ U.S.$.

The Interbank market opened with sellers for cash at 4 1/32 sterling and 6 11/16 U.S.$ and was steady after the opening business being done at 4 3/32 sterling and 6 11/16 U.S.$. The steadiness was shortlived and the market relapsed into dullness closing with sellers at:—

4 1/32 sterling	6 11/16 U.S.$	Cash
4⅛ „	6 11/16 „	Mar.
4 1/32 „	6 11/16 „	Apr.

Local Commodities

Yesterday's Prices

Saigon rice per shih (176 lb.)	$44.20
Cotton yn. 20's D.H. p.p. Cash	$920.00
„ „ „ Mar.	928.00
Tungchow cotton .. per picul	209.00
Wheat per picul (50 kilos)	$23.50
Flour, local per bag (49lb.)	$10.30
Flour, export per bag (49lb.)	15.00
Raw silk, Steamfil, Ex. B 13/15	$2,250
„ „ 20/22	4,900
„ „ 20/22 78%	4,950

Canadian Life Companies U.S.A. Business

Canadian Companies operating in the United States maintain trust funds here with which to cover their obligations to U.S. policy owners. These funds are not subject to any interference from the Canadian Foreign Exchange Contral Board. As a matter of interest, life policies written in U.S. dollar by Canadian Companies will continue to be issued calling for payment in United States currency, and, for all practical purposes, these Companies can be considered as United States Companies so far as their business in this country is concerned.

Manila Gold Shares

(Bids in Pesos)

Mar. 11	Bid Prices a.m. Closing		p.m. Closing	
Atoks	.175		.18	S
Antamok	.135		.14	S
Baguio Gold	.23	S	.23	S
Batong Buhay	.012	S	.012	S
Benguet Consolidated	5.50	* S	—	
Big Wedge	.20		.20	
Coco Grove	.12	S	.12	S
Consolidated Mines	.003		.0035	S
Demonstration	.12	S	.12	S
East Mindanao	.10	S	.10	S
I X L	.34		.345	S
Ipo Gold	.10		.10	
Itogon	.24	S	.24	S
Masbate Consolidated	.0025	S	.09	S
Mine Operation	.095		.095	
North Camarines	.085		—	
Paracale Gumaus	.195		.20	
San Mauricio	.78	S	.79	S
Surigao Consolidated	.20		.20	S
Suyoc	.13	S	.13	S
Syndicate Investment	.020		.020	
United Paracale	.265	S	.265	S
Mindanao Motherlode	.0975		.0975	

*—Over counter.
S—Sales.
Turnover for the Morning: 55,900 Pesos.
Shares Index: (Morning Session) 72.83.
—Reuter.

Silver Quotations

London, Mar. 11.

Silver prices declined ¼d. for both positions, being quoted at:

	Mar. 8	Mar. 11
London spot	21 1/16d.	21 1/16d.
„ forward	21¼d.	21d.
„ gold	168/–	168/–

—Reuter.

Cross Rates

London/New York U.S.$4.0350 59.478d.
New York/London 3.87 62.02d.

Shanghai Stocks

Yesterday's Business

The market opened with a burst of strength and a large volume of business was transacted. The considerable improvement in prices as compared with last week attracted a steady stream of selling, which was well absorbed on the scale down.

Ewos, Loans and Dockyards were largely dealt in. The first named touched a high of 44, closing at 42¾ buyers, while Dockyards and Loans were easier at 39 and 23½ respectively. Wheelocks also touched a new high of 114½.

Rubbers were quietly steady with no change of importance; operators and investors are awaiting with interest the final dividends for 1939 which are expected shortly.

Official Averages

1940 High	1940 Low		Today's Average	Change
328.71	105.32	General	310.25	+7.24
475.38	95.56	Rubbers	433.29	+6.66

Total 368,226 shares, 1,930 bonds.

Business Done

Power 5½% Debs.			35000	88.00
1000	87.75	9000	*87.75	
†18000	87.75			
Central Prop. 5½%			†100000	*92.00
Telephone 6%			†30000	96.00
Bakerite			†100	23.00
I. I. Trust		1000	*25.00	1000 25.00
3000	24.75	4500	24.50	
†500	24.50	500	*24.25	2500 24.25
S'hai Loan		1000	23.75	4500 24.00
500	*23.75	1000	*24.00	1000 *24.25
3500	23.75	500	*23.75	500 *23.50
1500	23.50	4500	23.75	2500 *23.75
†6000	23.75	1000	23.50	4000 23.75
500	*23.75			
Yangtsze Finance				1500 16.90
1500	17.10	3000	17.20	7000 17.00
500	*17.00	4000	16.90	5500 16.80
†5000	16.70	1000	*16.60	
Int. Assurance				2500 15.60
†500	*15.80	1000	15.80	
China Realty		4500	8.40	1000 *8.40
500	8.45			
†500	*8.40	2000	*8.35	2500 8.35
S'hai Land		1000	15.50	500 15.60
2500	15.40			
†1000	15.30	2500	*15.10	2000 15.20
Metro. Land				†1000 *13.80
Dockyards		2100	39.50	500 *39.50
400	40.00	400	39.75	1600 *40.00
100	*39.75	1100	40.25	2400 40.50
200	*40.50	900	40.00	700 39.75
400	40.00	1400	*39.75	700 *39.50
3200	39.75	600	*39.75	6200 39.50
300	39.25	100	*39.25	200 *39.50
100	39.25			
†4200	39.25	800	*39.25	1700 39.00
100	*39.25	100	*39.00	2200 39.00
S. & H. Wharf		50	410.00	215*410.00
Wheelock		300	114.50	700 114.00
200	*114.00	1200	113.50	100*113.50
200	114.00	200	*113.00	400 113.00
†800	113.00	100	*113.00	
China Realty				500 8.35
C. G. Omnibus		600	31.50	1100 31.25
100	*31.25			
†400	31.00			
S'hai Gas				1100 20.75
†100	20.50			
Telephone		200	31.50	100 31.75
100	*31.75	600	32.00	3700 32.25
200	*32.25	400	*31.75	200 31.75
200	31.50	100	32.00	3300 31.50
600	31.75	100	*31.75	
†600	31.25	100	31.50	200 *31.25
300	*31.50	200	*31.25	1900 31.50
1100	31.25			
Tram (Bearer) £1				1800 57.00
600	56.50	500	56.00	
†400	56.00	200	*56.00	
S. W. W. "A" £20				20 1,100.00
Metal		100	30.25	200 *30.25
500	*30.50	1700	30.50	300 31.00
100	*31.00	100	31.50	1500 31.25
1100	*31.00	1000	31.50	1700 31.00
700	30.75	2900	30.75	1200 *31.00
1500	31.00			
†2100	30.75	1500	30.25	2000 30.50
600	*30.50	700	30.25	
Kaiping				200 84.00
†200	65.00			
Lumber		600	53.50	200 *54.00
†100	53.50			
Exploration		500	13.00	2000 13.30
1000	*13.30	500	13.40	500 *13.40
1000	13.20	1000	13.30	4500 13.10
1500	*13.00	1500	13.00	
†500	13.00	500	*12.90	1500 13.00
500	*12.90			
Power (Pref)		200	136.50	200 136.75
†35	136.75			
Ewo Mills (Ord)		300	43.75	1200 43.50
1700	*43.50	900	*43.75	6400 43.75
300	*44.00	1800	44.00	5700 45.75
500	*43.75	1200	43.50	200 *43.50
100	*43.75	3100	43.50	1200 *43.50
3200	43.25	600	*43.25	
†100	*†43.75	400	43.50	2100 43.25
500	*43.25	1400	43.00	900 43.25
100	43.00	500	43.25	800 *43.00
500	*43.25	2300	43.00	
China Finance		8000	2.10	2000 2.02½
2000	*2.02½	8000	2.05	
†3000	2.05			
Anglo Dutch		400	30.25	100 29.75
†400	29.75	200	29.50	
Anglo Java		500	52.00	1500 51.50
†300	51.00			
Bute		†500	*12.50	500 12.40
Batu Anam		1000	2.35	1000 2.40
Chemor				1000 4.70
†1000	4.50			
Cheng		4000	1.30	1000 1.20
†1000	1.28	1000	*1.30	
Consolidated				500 *12.50
†1000	12.40	500	*12.30	
Java Consolidated				†3000 6.65
Kota				4000 9.00
†1000	8.90			
Kroewoek		3000	4.15	1000 *4.15
4000	4.10			
†1000	*4.10	2000	4.05	
Langkat		700	*36.75	300 36.75
2900	37.00	200	37.25	900 *37.25
100	*37.00	300	*36.75	2400 36.75
1400	36.50	100	*36.50	800 *36.25
100	36.25	100	*36.50	700 36.50
†500	36.25	300	36.50	3800 36.25
Padang				†1000 4.30
Permata				3000 2.50
Repah		3000	2.25	3000 2.27½
†1000	2.22½			
Rubber Trust		1000	14.00	500 13.90
1000	13.80			
†1500	13.90	1000	13.80	
Samagaga				†1000 2.90
Semambu		4000	2.35	1000 2.32½
†5000	2.30			
S. W. "C"				†200 47.00
Senawang		2000	3.15	1000 3.12½
1000	3.10			
Kedah				500 16.20
Pahang		100	9.30	2000 9.25
Sumatra				300 48.00
Sungei Duri				100 85.00
Tanah Merah				7000 5.25
Tebong		5000	2.40	1000 *2.40
1000	2.37½	1000	2.32½	3000 2.35
Ziangbe				100 40.50
China Bond Shares				500 12.00

ODD LOTS

Int. Assurance	66.2/3	15.40		400	15.50
67	15.70				
S. & H. Wharf		8	405.00	6	404.00
Batu Anam				300	*2.30
Kota				200	9.25
Wheelock				50	112.50
China Realty				224	8.30
†354	8.25				
S'hai Land				90	15.60
†100	12.80	100	15.30	100	15.30
Rubber Trust				50	14.00
Exploration		100	12.90	200	12.90
†100	12.80				
Samagaga				500	2.85
Consolidated				5	12.10
†100	12.10				
Dockyards		65	39.00	70	40.25
S'hai Loan				100	24.00
Power (Pref)				†1	136.25
Tram (Bearer)	£1			†50	57.00

*—Direct Business.
‡—Outport Business.
†—Afternoon Business.

Japan, Spain Negotiate Barter Agreement

Madrid, Mar. 9.

Japan and Spain will soon conclude a new barter trade agreement, reliable sources here indicated today.

With negotiations for the pact virtually concluded, the agreement was expected to be signed in a few days. Discussions over the new barter accord have been carried on between Mr. Tokichi Saita, Commercial Attaché to the Japanese Embassy in Paris, and the Spanish authorities, the report concluded.—Domei.

Australia's Part in the War

Makes Good Use of Time in Strengthening its Defences and Organizing its Industries

IT is now four months since the Prime Minister declared that Australia was at war with Germany, but, excepting in the number of men in military uniform there are relatively few outward signs in this country of the change in conditions. Australia has been sheltered by distance and the British navy from the destructive effects of actual fighting, and has made good use of the time strengthening its defences and organizing its industrial equipment for the purpose of contributing as fully and usefully as possible to the Empire's war effort. Diversion of resources from their normal uses to those of the military machine cannot be effected in a short period of time, or without disturbances and difficulties arising. So far, however, the troubles which have arisen have been comparatively unimportant, excepting in those industries and trades which rely largely upon imported materials, states the National Bank of Australasia Ltd., in their January summary.

The enlistment of men for the various branches of the local and expeditionary forces, and the expansion of the munition and other industries manufacturing military requirements, has led to shortages of skilled operatives, particularly in the engineering and allied trades. The shrinkage in imports of various goods, due to causes such as inability of over-sea manufacturers to supply, dislocation of shipping, exchange restriction, and other restraints of war, has led to material increases in outputs of local manufacturing plants. In addition, large expansions of factories and their equipment are being carried out for certain industries, some to manufacture war material, others to supply goods previously obtained from overseas.

Industrial Effort

The result is seen in a quickening in the tempo of industrial effort, in a reduction in the number of unemployed, in higher wage rates and much double-shift and overtime working. It is difficult to estimate how much of the increase in industrial activity and the expansion in trade turnovers of December, 1939, on those for December, 1938, may be ascribed to the national war effort, and how much to the better pastoral and agricultural conditions now being experienced. Twelve months ago, the bulk of the productive lands in Australia was in the grip of drought, with fodder reserves low, following a poor season for grasses and cereal crops. In fact, rural conditions were bad and prospects worse, but widespread rains in January and February ushered in a season of prolific growth. The wool clip is well above expectations, wheat harvest estimates have been raised substantially, feed for sheep and cattle is abundant in all but a few sections, and the only immediate risk is the danger of grass fires due to the heavy growth of the last few months. The important export commodities for which transport and markets appear unfavourable are wheat, apples and pears. The other main products comprising Australia's export trade are in the fortunate position of being cared for under the marketing arrangements entered into by the Imperial Government. The export price index of the Commonwealth Bank has moved up from 658 in August to 803 on December 14. These numbers compare with 661 for the twelve months ended June last, and with 819 for the previous twelve months. The rise in wheat prices from its pre-war value of 2/3d. a bushel to 3/6d. is, however, not effective under present conditions, but the Commonwealth Government is paying an advance on wheat delivered at sidings or silos equal to 2/6d. a bushel for bagged wheat.

Taxation

Incomes of farmers and graziers are thus virtually assured at a level well above that of last year, and the consequent expansion in purchasing power is an important factor assisting to maintain industrial outputs and trade turnovers. One factor which appears to have received inadequate attention in the business world is the certainty of much increased taxation in the ensuing financial year. The increases made this year are relatively light, but, as the national effort is intensified, its cost will mount, and the Government has announced that a large part of that cost is to be met by increasing taxation rates. Another factor of note is that a sizeable proportion of the last few months' buying by manufacturers, traders and the public in general has been made in anticipation of shortages and higher prices. Various industries now working at full pressure are likely to experience a decided slackening in demand during a period in which distributors' and householders' supplies are being worked off.

Treasury Returns

Treasury returns for the five months ended November indicate that, up to the end of that month, war expenditure had not reached great dimensions. Comparison with the five months of the previous financial year is afforded in the following table:

	Five Months Ended Nov., 1938	1939
	£ Millions	
Expenditure Out of Commonwealth—		
Revenue	34.54	39.65
Loan Funds	3.20	9.39
All States—		
Revenue	52.14	55.47
Loan Funds (net)	5.77	5.90
Total	95.65	110.41

Government Expenditure

The expansion in governmental expenditure is reflected in an increase of £12,600,000 since June in the Commonwealth Bank's holding of Government and other securities, making it £105,900,000 in November. The Government has held off the public loan market so far, but it is reported that the Loan Council will meet in Melbourne on January 19, to arrange for the issue of the first war loan. The amount is expected to be large, possibly £20,000,000, and, no doubt, it will be offered at a time when the substantial amounts arising from the disposal of primary products will be available for investment. Interest rates have been easing during the last two months, the yield on Commonwealth Government securites having ten years or over to run being £3/16/- per cent. on December 13, against 4 per cent. on August 30.

China Finance Annual Meeting

$208,893 Operating Profit Shown; Deficit Reduced By $111,333

The regular annual meeting of the stockholders of the China Finance Corporation, Federal Inc. U.S.A., was held at 9 Avenue Edward VII, on March 16. Mr. R. H. Parker, president of the corporation, presided. Holders of 193,085 shares were represented in person or by proxy.

The chairman in his speech said:—

It is with much pleasure that I submit to you the annual report and statement of accounts for the year ended December 31, 1939.

Profit Shown

You will have noted from the balance sheet already circulated that your company has had a successful year resulting in an operating profit of $208,893.81. After allowances are made for additional reserves, special bonus and Tax Saving Dividend, the deficit of the Corporation will be reduced by the sum of $111,333.00.

You are no doubt aware that American companies incorporated under the China Trade Act are subject to a tax on their special class net income of the year. These Corporations, however, have the option of paying this tax either to their stockholders as a special dividend or to the United States Government as a Corporation Tax. In the case of your company, your directors naturally chose to give the stockholders the benefit of this distribution which amounts to $0.05½ per common share.

Payment of Dividends

The articles of incorporation of the company provide that such dividends shall be paid to common stockholders only, and the China Trade Act regulations require that such dividends be distributed before March 15, to shareholders of record on December 31, 1939.

There has been some misunderstanding among shareholders who acquired shares of the corporation since January 1, as to why they are not entitled to the tax saving dividend.

Distribution

As explained, this special dividend is distributed in lieu of payment of the corporation income tax to the U.S. Government and the China Trade Act regulations explicitly require the corporation to distribute this dividend for the benefit of individuals who on the last day of the taxable year (December 31, 1939) were resident in China, the United States or possessions of the United States, or were citizens of the United States or China, and owned shares of stock of the Corporation.

In view of the foregoing explanation you will readily see that the Corporation can only distribute this special dividend to common stockholders of record on December 31, 1939, in order fully to comply with the Articles of Association of the Company and the regulations imposed by the China Trade Act.

Deficit

As you may see from the accounts there is still a deficit of $3,345,123.43 and until this deficit is eliminated no ordinary dividends can be paid to either the preferred or common stockholders.

The earnings of the corporation during the year under review were almost double those of the preceding year. Expenses have been reduced to a minimum though salaries show an increase of 30 per cent.

Total Loans

Total loans during the past year amounted to $1,786,000.00 which compares favourably with those of 1938 and 1937 amounting to $913,800.00 and $888,100.00 respectively.

In view of the abnormal conditions prevailing in this city and the uncertainty of the value of the Chinese dollar, your corporation has only encouraged short term loans of three to four months duration.

Collections on the whole have been satisfactory and several doubtful accounts were successfully liquidated. Our total collections for the past twelve months exceeded the amounts collected for the past two years by more than $76,000.00.

Outlook

The outlook for 1940 is promising and provided local conditions are maintained without surprises in the economical or political field, I feel justified in predicting another good year.

The following resolutions were then proposed, seconded and carried:—

Resolved, that the minutes of the annual meeting of stockholders held on March 23, 1939, be approved.

Resolved, that a special tax saving dividend of $0.05½ per share be distributed before March 15, 1940, to common stockholders of record December 31, 1939, to comply with regulations of the China Trade Act.

Resolved, that the company's balance sheet and statement of profit and loss account for the year ended December 31, 1939, as certified to by the Company's auditors, as presented, be passed.

Resolved, that the following gentlemen be elected directors of the corporation to hold office until the next annual meeting, and until their successors shall be elected and shall qualify: Messrs. R. H. Parker, H. F. Payre and M. Speelman.

Resolved, that Messrs. Turner, Sturrock and Brown be re-appointed auditors for the year 1940. 11334

Japanese Govt. Bonds

Osaka, Mar. 11.

Kogo 5% Y.106.10

—Reuter.

Sun Life Reports Record Assets

C.$914,000,000 and Normal Earnings Highest in The Company's History

Montreal, Feb. 13.

With assets at an all time record of C.$914,000,000 and normal earnings for the year the highest in the company's history, the most significant figure quoted by the president, Mr. Arthur B. Wood, at the sixty-ninth annual meeting of the Sun Life of Canada was the ninety million dollars of benefits paid out to policyholders during 1939. This represents an increase of approximately six million five hundred thousand dollars over the payments of the previous year and brings the total benefits paid out by this company since the first policy was issued in 1871 to the total of one billion two hundred and ninety-five million dollars.

Death and disability payments during the year exceeded twenty-six and one-half million dollars, annuity and matured endowments came to thirty-one million dollars, while fourteen millions were disbursed in dividends paid to policyholders. Altogether, sixty-five million dollars were paid out during the year to living policyholders.

Largest Company

The Sun Life of Canada, which is the Dominion's largest life assurance company, has today over one million policyholders and is one of the leaders in life insurance service on the North American continent. While its branches are organized on a world wide scale, by far the largest part of its business is secured in Canada, United States, Great Britain and the British Empire. The company does not operate in any country of Continental Europe.

Arthur B. Wood in his annual talk to policyholders told the interesting story behind the impressive figures of the company's operations for the year and, in simple language, recounted the functions of life insurance funds in the service of human needs.

Modern Life Insurance

In giving a picture of modern life insurance in action, he reminded his hearers that the business was something more than the provision of a sum of money at the death of the wage earner. Plans are devised to meet all requirements, not merely against the hazard of death, but also against the risk of living beyond the earning period. For instance, in 1939, Sun Life payments to living policyholders were 72% of the total, or for every dollar paid to beneficiaries almost three dollars were paid to living policyholders. Annuity payments were distributed to over 18,000 annuitants, more than 9,000 of whom were over 70 years of age. The great majority of assurance payments went to families in modest circumstances, thereby performing not only a valuable service to the individual but also to the community generally. During the year, Mr. Wood continued, the company acquired over 53,000 new policyholders, and about 22,000 of the old policyholders increased their assurance by taking out additional policies. Approximately 313,000 employees of industrial organizations and business houses are protected by Sun Life group policies.

War Claims

Referring to the war, Mr. Wood said that claims resulting from the present conflict may be less in relation to the total insurance in force than during the last war. He explained that because the war clause applied to new policies issued in countries at war, the hazard of war affected only those policies issued prior to the outbreak of war. As the major portion of such business had been in force over many years, the average age of the company's policyholders is over 40, which exceeds military age. Furthermore, the business in neutral countries today constitutes a much larger proportion than in 1918.

Speaking of the company's progress during the last war, Mr. Wood stated that following a very brief recession at the outset of the conflict, the business of the Sun Life increased to almost threefold by the year 1919. Canada's position today was even more favourable. The population has increased by 50% and the country's productive capacity is far more flexible. Wheat production, newsprint, copper and aluminum exports are many times larger, the value of gold production is eleven times greater than in 1914 and the value of manufactured goods has increased two and a half times. Canada today stands in as favourable a position as any other large nation. Brief reference was made to the great success of Canada's War Loan which was striking evidence of this country's high credit standing and confidence in her destiny.

Mr. Wood concluded his remarks by emphasizing the appreciation voiced by the directors in their report of the splendid work of the field and head office staffs.

Report and Accounts

The directors' report and financial statement which conforms to the requirements of governmental authorities under which the company operates indicates the conservative policy which the Sun Life follows of strengthening the reserves and writing down value of assets, still leaving the surplus and contingency reserve at a figure of approximately C.$30,000,000. Surplus earnings showed an increase over 1938 and amounted to C.$24,000,000 while the assets were increased by C.$39,000,000 and now total C.$914,000,000, a record for the company.

The total amount of life assurance now on the books has reached C.$2,938,000,000. New business of C.$194,000,000 was placed on the books during the past year, an increase over 1938.

The premium income for the year totalled almost C.$114,000,000 which was an increase over the previous year. There was also an increase in investment income and total receipts, and these items amounted to C.$33,500,000 and C.$166,000,000 respectively. Disbursements were approximately C.$118,000,000.

Hongkong January Trade Shows Big Increase

Hongkong, Mar. 11.

An increase of over 60 per cent. in the total visible trade of Hongkong was recorded in January last, as compared with January, 1939. In terms of local currency, the increase amounted to 62.9 per cent. and in terms of sterling, 62 per cent.

The combined values of imports and exports of merchandize, as declared during January totalled $131.6 millions (£8.1 millions), as compared with $80.8 millions (£5.0 millions) in the corresponding period last year.

Imports totalled $69.7 millions (£4.3 millions) as compared with $40.7 millions (£2.5 millions), and exports $61.9 millions (£3.8 millions) as compared with $40.2 millions (£2.5 millions).

Imports increased by 71.3 per cent. in terms of local currency and by 72 per cent. in terms of sterling. Exports increased by 54 per cent. and 52 per cent. respectively.—Reuter.

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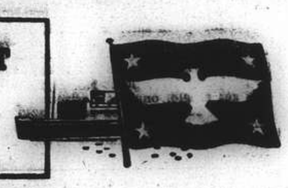

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VESSELS ARRIVING TO-DAY

The following particulars in connection with vessels due to arrive to-day are based upon information available yesterday evening

From SOERABAYA: Tjibadak, with mail, due p.m. Holt's Wharf.

From NAGASAKI: Shanghai Maru, with mail, due 2 p.m. O. S. K. Wharf.

DUE AT FUTURE DATES

All vessels are listed under their terminal port. The first date is that of the ship's departure from that port, and the second is the date she is due to arrive in Shanghai Where a ship's name is duplicated it indicates the port of call last visited.

On account of the present international situation there is considerable interference with movements of ships, especially those from Europe. In cases where it is definitely known that the vessel is not running to schedute the Shanghai arrival date is omitted.

EUROPE AND STRAITS

From GENOA			From SOERABAYA		
India	20/3	26/3	Tjitjalengka	1/3	18/3
From TRIESTE			**From MANILA**		
Monte Piana	20/1	20/3	Tjitjalengka	10/3	18/3
Volpi	27/2	17/4	P. Coolidge	11/3	16/3
Carignano	25/2	22/4	From HONGKONG	See "China Ports" below	

AMERICA AND JAPAN

From NEW YORK			From LOS ANGELES		
N. Maersk	24/1	15/3	P. Maersk	29/2	25/3
P. Adams	—	17/3	Asama M.	11/3	6/4
P. Maersk	9/2	25/3	**From SEATTLE**		
Reinholt	27/1	3/4	Capillo	29/2	21/3
G. Maersk	26/2	14/4	**From KOBE**		
Memphis City	—	20/4	N. Maersk	9/3	15/3
Grete Maersk	11/3	26/4	**From KEELUNG**		
From PANAMA			Tyosa M.	16/3	18/3
G. Maersk	8/3	14/4			

AFRICA AND AUSTRALIA

From CAPETOWN			From MOMBASA		
Boissevain	14/2	23/3	Boissevain	3/3	23/3

CHINA PORTS

From DAIREN		
Dairen M.	12/3	14/3

VESSELS SAILING

The undermentioned vessels are due to sail from Shanghai upon the dates indicated.

For LONDON	
Delagoa Maru	31/3
For LIVERPOOL	
Hakusan Maru	26/3
For TRIESTE	
Monte Piana	22/3
For BOMBAY	
Atago Maru	15/3
Zinsan Maru	23/3
Ginyo Maru	25/3
For CAPETOWN	
Boissevain	25/3
For JAVA	
Tjibadak	14/3
Tjitjalengka	21/3
For MANILA	
N. Maersk	13/3
P. Maersk	26/3
G. Maersk	15/4
For NEW YORK	
P. Adams	18/3
Sophocles	18/3
Tarn	22/3
Tosan Maru	27/3
Azuma Maru	30/3
Laura Maersk	1/4

For NEW YORK	
Reinholt	6/4
Akagai Maru	12/4
N. Maersk	16/4
For SAN FRANCISCO	
Nitta Maru	13/3
Canton	15/3
Kamakura Maru	16/3
P. Coolidge	17/3
Asama Maru	8/4
For SEATTLE	
Coldbrook	12/3
Capillo	23/3
For YOKOHAMA	
Hakone Maru	28/4
For KOBE	
Taiyo Maru	13/3
Kasima Maru	27/3
For NAGASAKI	
Shanghai Maru	13/3
Nagasaki Maru	15/3
For DAIREN	
Tsingtao Maru	12/3
Dairen Maru	15/3
Tsingtao Maru	19/3
Dairen Maru	22/3
Tsingtao Maru	26/3
Dairen Maru	29/3

VESSELS DISCHARGING

SILVERTEAK. The m.s. Silverteak, from United States and Way Ports.—The vessel is discharging part of her cargo at the Texas Wharf Gough Island and will shift to Holt's Wharf for discharge of her general cargo. Consignees are requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature and take immediate delivery of their cargo. (Consignees of bulk cargo will further be required to send their representative to the Wharf to verify the weights of such cargo whilst it is being landed). All claims against this vessel must be sent within fourteen days from date of vessel's arrival, or they will not be recognised. All risk of fire at the Wharf and Godowns to be borne by the Consignees of cargo. Examination of broken and ship-damaged cargo will be held at the Holt's Wharf. Pootung on Thursday, March 14, at 9 a.m., when Messrs. Paulsen & Bayes-Davy will attend. Java-China-Japan Lijn Agentschap Shanghai N.V. Agents, Kerr Steamship Co., Inc. 13-3

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Bonho	Hsinkong	Dong Shing
Solviken	Hongay	Jebsen L.
Sanko M.	—	M.B.K.
Chingming M.	Tsungming	T.K.K.
Luise	Hsinkong	G.M.C.
Nitto M.	Amoy	T.K.K.
Haikong	Sungmen	G.M.C.
Hukuken M.	Keelung	T.K.K.
Unkai M. 7	Kobe	T.K.K.
Chekiang M.	Tsungming	T.K.K.
Tjisaroea	Saigon	J.C.J.L.
Kiangnan	T'lungkong	Chu Foong
Hungyun M.	T'lungkong	Chu Foong
Taiko M. 18	Hsinkong	T.K.K.
Chingyang M.	River Ports	T.K.K.
Romolo	Liuho	V. Chieri
Tawha	T'lungkong	Quen Kee
Taiko M. 8	Hsinkong	T.K.K.
Lipari	T'lungkong	Chu Foong

Yesterday's Departures

Name	Flag	Despatcher
Unita	Nor.	Tung Cheng
Syoan M.	Jap.	Showa S.S.
Conte Rosso	Ital.	Lloyd T.
Daichu M.	Jap.	T.K.K.
Peihua	Chi.	K.U.K.
Lepanto	Ital.	—
Hakusha M.	Jap.	T.K.K.
Tangshan M.	Jap.	T.K.K.
Kasiwa M.	Jap.	K.U.K.
Elbhof	Ger.	Carlowitz
Heini	Ger.	G.F.E.
Sawah Loento	Neth.	J.C.J.L.

Men-of-War in Port

Name	Flag	Type	Berthed
Gold Star	Am.	Trans.	U.S.N.B.
Luzon	Am.	Gbt.	U.S.N.B.
D. de Lagree	Fr.	Gbt.	K.S.D.
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Japan Ready to Hand Over Occupied Areas

Gen. Itagaki Voices Support For New Regime In Broadcast on Army Day From Nanking

Nanking, Mar. 11.

JAPAN'S readiness to place all occupied areas in China under the jurisdiction of the reorganized National Government, soon to be established here with Mr. Wang Ching-wei as its central figure, was placed on record by Lieut.-Gen. Seishiro Itagaki, chief of staff of the Japanese Expeditionary Forces to China, in a ten-minute radio broadcast last night.

He attributed this Japanese attitude to respect for new China's independence and sovereignty, and Japan's desire to contribute towards the development and the prosperity of China thereby to play a part in the establishment of a new order in East Asia.

"This is the reason why the current China Affair is termed a sacred campaign," Lieut.-Gen. Itagaki said in the course of his address delivered on the 35th anniversary of the Japanese victory against imperial Russia at Mukden in 1905. "Our great regret is that these genuine Japanese intentions are misunderstood and frowned upon by those imbued with Occidental concepts."

Support to New Regime

He pledged the support of the Japanese Expeditionary Forces to the new Chinese administration, which, Lieut.-Gen. Itagaki said, "will certainly proclaim at home and abroad the unshakeable fact that a new order is being established in East Asia."

The chief of staff traced the present demand for the creation of such an order to the Russo-Japanese war, which, he said, had awakened the Asiatic peoples. Japan, he continued, did not celebrate Army Day merely to rejoice over a victory, but to recall the important significance of the Russo-Japanese War in world history. This significance, Lieut.-Gen. Itagaki continued, had been reflected in the Manchurian Incident and the China Conflict.

"Unprecedented success", he went on had been scored by the Japanese forces in their military operations. All strategic points, military or economic, in China, had been occupied by the Japanese army which now was in control of areas extending from Mongolia in the north to Hainan Island in the south.

Many Oppose Japan

"In the Russo-Japanese war," Lieut.-Gen. Itagaki recalled, "our only enemy was Russia. Britain and the United States, here rather sympathetic to Japan. This may well be remembered by the Japanese nation. But in the present conflict, there are a number of countries engaged in the support of Chiang Kai-shek and in anti-Japanese activities. The officers and men, who have been entrusted with bringing to a satisfactory consummation the present sacred campaign in these circumstances, are imbued with a higher morale upon each successive operation. They are being given encouragement and support by the nation at home."

The Japanese forces, Lieut.-Gen. Itagaki continued, were committed upon the destruction of resistance still being offered by the régime of Gen. Chiang.

"On the occasion of Army Day," he added, "we feel ourselves deeply impressed of the necessity to surmount all difficulties so that the 2,600th anniversity of the founding of our Empire may attain its real significance. In this we feel confident in our dependence upon the august virtues of His Majesty and the strong support of the nation."

Preparations Continue

Preparations for the establishment of the capital of the new Central Government in Nanking were reported progressing rapidly, according to the "Tairiku Shimpo" yesterday.

With three more weeks remaining in which to restore buildings to house the government, 400 workmen were engaged in repairing structures formerly used by the Examination Yuan and the Manufacturers' Bank of China, and more than twenty other buildings were in readiness for the new administration, the paper added.

Japanese Hankow Trade Monopoly

Outspoken Comments By Chairman of Br. Chamber Of Commerce

Hankow, (By Mail).

Outspoken comments on the Japanese monopoly of trade at Hankow were made by Mr. V. A. Mason in his report as chairman at the annual meeting of the British Chamber of Commerce.

Imports, he said, had been of every description of cargo that could be manufactured in Japan, or of items of foreign manufacture for which Japanese concerns were agents.

The claim that imports were strictly limited to military necessities early became insupportable. Most of the imports came direct from Japan, allegedly by military transport, and with the Customs paralyzed by separation from its Administrative centre, and by lack of authority, it was not supposed that ordinary customs formalities were complied with.

"An indecent haste to grab while the grabbing was good appears to have resulted in a regurgitation of stocks, and suffocation of business, and it is doubtful if present profits in military money are any advantage to the foreign currency needs of Japan" Mr. Mason declared.

Export Business

The manner of export busniess was also not encouraging to British interests, he commented. The same fables had been told about military necessity as in the case of imports.

Yet commodities of all sorts had been shipped, and in goodly quantities.

Woodoil, ramie, cotton, gallnuts, hides, skins, eggs, tea and sundry cargoes had gone forward, nor had all these commodities been destined exclusively for Japan proper.

Apart from a privileged shipment of ramie on German Government account, and woodoil on American account, no foreign trade, other than Japanese was recorded.

Purely local transactions, as between Third Party nationals had been hampered or obstructed by the arbitrary allotment of permits.

Mr. Mason also commented that local opinion was inclined to feel, perhaps not unreasonably, that Shanghai interests were over-casual regarding the survival of British outport trade.

Mr. Mason revealed that the British population in the district at the close of 1939 was estimated as 127 men, 88 women, and 25 children.—Reuter.

American Newsman On Trial

Mr. James Young Appears Before Tokyo Court; Public Excluded From Hearing

Tokyo, Mar. 11.

The trial of Mr. James R. Young, Far Eastern representative of the International News Service, opened in the District Court here at 10.35 this morning.

Seven minutes after the opening of the trial, the public was excluded.

Judge Kanao Hotta, and Procurator Kurihara presided over the trial, while the interpreter of the court was Professor Hideo Ogata, of the Law College in Yokohama.

Three attorneys appeared for the defence: Mr. Fumio Takahsima, Mr. Yoshio Fukuba, and Mr. Yoshio Suzuki.

According to the Japanese press, "sufficient proof has been collected by Procurator Noboriishi, of the Thought Section of the Procurators' Office of the Tokyo District Court, to substantiate the charges of fabrication and circulation of rumours laid against Mr. James R. Young, irrespective of whether Mr. Young will recognize it or not."

Mr. Young was arrested on January 21 at the Imperial Hotel.—Reuter.

Embassy Official Present

Tokyo, Mar. 11.

All newspapermen, both foreign and Japanese, were excluded from the first session of Mr. Young's trial, although three Americans, excluding Mr. Young, were present.

Of the three Americans allowed to be present at the trial today, one was the wife of Mr. Young. She was accompanied by an official of the local Y.M.C.A., an American who acted as her official interpreter. The third American was an American Embassy official who acted as an observer.

Mr. Young appeared to be in good health and in excellent spirits despite his long detention and the many hardships that he was reported to have suffered.—United Press.

Soviets Acquire Three More Fishing Lots

Tokyo, Mar. 11.

Soviet fishing firms acquired three additional fishing grounds in an auction conducted yesterday by the Soviet Fishing Board at Vladivostok.

Placed under the hammer in a re-apportionment of the fishing grounds were seven Japanese lots and seven-teen Soviet lots. Of this number, all but four lots were acquired by Soviet bidders.

With the re-apportionment, the Soviet now holds 390 fishing lots as compared with 353 lots held by Japan.—Domei.

Something Wanted From America

Japan Awaits Move From U.S. Over Renewal of Pact Over Trade

Tokyo, Mar. 11.

Japan, having "exhausted" her means "to prepare the ground for a readjustment of the relations between Japan and the United States," was expecting that "sometning may come from the American side," Mr. Yakichiro Suma, director of the Bureau of Information of the Foreign Office told foreign correspondents here today.

Mr. Suma indicated that it was unlikely that Mr. Hachiro Arita, Foreign Minister, would resume his conversations with Mr. Joseph C. Grew, the American Ambassador, in the "near future." The Foreign Minister, he pointed out, was busy with business connected with the present Diet session.

Mr. Cordell Hull, American Secretary of State, Mr. Suma recalled, had frequently expressed his interest in the continuation of the conversations between Mr. Arita and Mr. Grew.

"So are we," Mr. Suma asserted, "But we expect some demarchè from the American side."

Situation Reviewed

Mr. Suma, who is, ex-officio, the spokesman for the Foreign Office, then made a review of the situation between Japan and the United States. There were two phases in the American ill-feeling towards Japan as a result of the China conflict, he said.

"We are doing our best to alleviate American losses, while undesirable cases in connection with the China affair between the two countries have shown a remarkable decrease," he asserted. The Foreign Office, he continued, had sent experts to China to co-operate with the Japanese authorities there to speed up the settlement of some cases pending between Japan and the United States. He said he hoped that Americans felt "well assured of the sincerity of the Japanese Government."—Domei.

Japan's Conciliatory Attitude

Washington, Mar. 11.

Informed officials said today that the United States was not inclined to accept Japan's recent conciliatory attitude toward American interests in China as indicative of any fundamental change in Japanese policy in East Asia.

This view, expressed widely in Administrative circles, was supported in the Senate, an influential foreign affairs leader said.

He said that the sentiment favouring an embargo against American exports to Japan was still strong, although the Senate had delayed action pending present American-Japanese conversations at Tokyo.

Efforts to settle the numerous cases of damages suffered by American-owned property in Japanese-occupied areas in China, the relaxation of police restrictions in the north of the Soochow Creek area in Shanghai, the intention of opening the Yangtze River to commerce up to Nanking and the increasing lack of incidents between Japanese troops and third Power nationals were regarded as movements designed to improve relations after the expiration of Japanese-American trade treaty. This improvement was aimed to remove the legal causes for enactment of embargo bills, informed quarters said. —United Press.

Mr. Tani as Ambassador

Tokyo, Mar. 11.

Mr. Masayuki Tani, former Japanese Minister at large in China and present Vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs, may succeed Mr. Kensuke Horinouhci as Japanese Ambassador to Washington, it was understood here today.

The "Hochi Shimbun" reported that the Government had decided to replace Mr. Horinouchi because of alleged dissatisfaction with his handling of Japanese-American affairs in Washington.—United Press.

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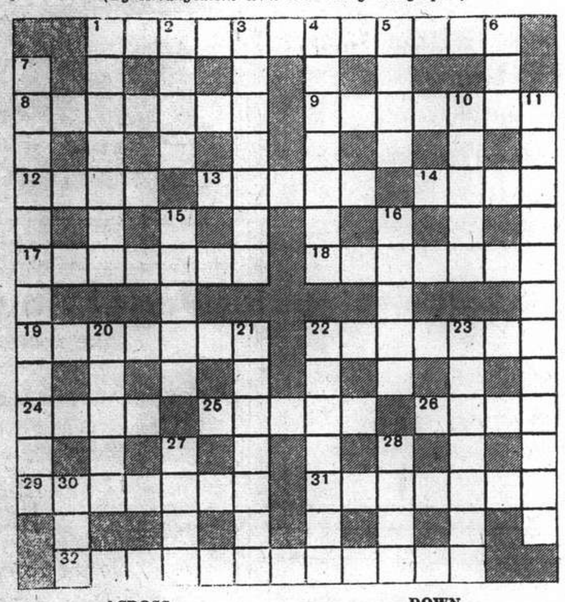

ACROSS

1 In spite of the sound not enough of the carcase to account for the whole
8 Could the Haig really form all of this meal? (two words)
9 Magic enchantment that beheaded seems to come into most French songs
12 This rose is not a proper rose in spite of its name
13 Place which holds only a part of the body and nothing else
14 A backward member of the deer family?
17 Presumably this kind of road should be less liable to floods
18 Presumably such a person would not be dangerous; anyhow he would sound so to a Cockney
19 Those who champion these colours cannot claim that they are unbeatable
22 One of the deer family
24 Related
25 This kind of saw has caused many a casualty
26 Many get something from a chemist for this
29 Do Australians love this river?
31 The range that shows there's a number after the writer
32 Spirited action at a seance (or in a locomotive yard)

DOWN

1 Apparently wearying work for a schoolboy
2 Book of the O.T.
3 "Come, give us a taste of your ——" said Hamlet to the actors
4 Those who dislike letters cannot deny that herein letters have a value
5 One of the duck family
6 Foreign coin
7 No, this nautical broker is not the mate (two words)
10 A chemical
11 Once again it is found that the punters at the Roulette table think black is not coming up
15 This should mean impressive but is generally used for what is disliked
16 Card game popular in the days of Queen Anne
20 "O how full of ——s is this working-day world" ("As You Like It")
21 The sort of drink that may carry off the fumes
22 The sort of vessel to make short cuts?
23 Support (or retreat?)
27 A fishy measure
28 Prefix, but not one in sea-shanties
30 Part of 28 down

YDAY'S SOLUTION.—ACROSS: 1, Kiss-curl; 5, Madcap; 9, Sea-horse; 10, Pencil; 11, Earl Haig; 13, Virago; 14, Coy; 16, Salome; 19, Caliban; 20, Player; 21, Sty; 26, Reason; 27, Hell Fire; 28, Deodar; 29, Flurried; 30, Catchy; 31, Swathing. DOWN: 1, Kismet; 2, Stairs; 3, Clothe; 4, Rustic; 6, American; 7, Cockatoo; 8, Pullover; 12, Goliath; 15, Bar; 16, Sap; 17, Sporadic; 18, Marabout; 19, Canotaph; 22, Yellow; 23, Claret; 24, Rimini; 25, Sea Dog.

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